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Sources say CUC refuses to honor John Riegel's contract

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board is refusing to honor amendments made to chief engineer John Riegel's contract last year purportedly over their disapproval over clauses on pay, a termination clause, and its contract period terms, multiple sources told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Sources said CUC passed a motion last Friday to not honor the contract and that a memorandum was sent to Riegel on Monday essentially saying so.

Sources said the memo essentially said that if Riegel did not re-negotiate his contract by today, Wednesday, his old contract would expire.

However, request for comment to board chair Adelina Roberto to verify or comment on these reports

has not been responded to as of press time.

CUC counsel Jim Sirok said he had no comment and CUC staff said acting executive director Gary Camacho was off-island.

Last July 2015, the board and Riegel, an acting executive director at the time after the board let go of former executive director Alan Fletcher, agreed to extend his con-

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Lawmakers, regulators want to peel back lid on casino lobbying

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Some House of Representatives lawmakers want to expose the names and fees of "lobbyists or consultants" on the payroll of the Saipan casino, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, with a particular focus on those paid to lobby the Legislature or government.

During a meeting with the casino regulators yesterday, House Commerce and Tourism committee chair Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan) asked regulators to, at the earliest con-

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MHS gives Raulerson pink slip

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There's a chance that John Raulerson may not finish the upcoming 2016-2017 school year at Marianas High School after he was given notice that his contract will no longer be renewed. His non-renewal was a big surprise since he helped put up a program that earned MHS numerous awards.



Raulerson

Raulerson teaches mathematics at MHS and is the coach of the Aeronautical Dolphins, the two-time national champion and five-time Pacific State Championship winner in the

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GOING HIGH-TECH

U.S. District Court for the NMI staff complete the testing of the satellite Internet trailer at the Fishing Base in Garapan yesterday. The federal court purchased the equipment due to last year's communication blackout in the CNMI. Photo from left are chief deputy clerk William J. Bezzant, U.S. probation officer Margarita DLG. Wonenberg, docket clerk specialist Bertha T. Camacho, law clerk Richard Miller, systems and network administrator Bernard Paraiso, and jury administrator Timothy V. Wesley.

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LEARNING FROM LAST YEAR'S COMMUNICATION BLACKOUT

District Court goes high tech, acquires satellite Internet trailer

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Learning from last year's communication blackout that left the CNMI "disconnected" from the outside world, the U.S. District Court for the NMI has acquired a satellite Internet trailer.

Federal court staff, with the assistance of Keith Bosarge of the AT&T Vanguard Services that designs the trailer and the systems, completed yesterday the final test of the high tech communication equipment at the Fishing Base in Garapan.

"It was great. We got a better signal here [Fishing Base] than we got behind the Horiguchi Building," said U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Deputy Clerk William J. Bezzant in an interview.

Bezzant said the satellite Internet trailer, which just arrived on the island from the U.S. mainland a week ago, will be utilized for their program called continuity of operations (COOP) during a disaster.

Bezzant said the trailer can be deployed out at the Fishing Base or away from any building.

He said satellite Internet trailer doesn't need external power or anything.

"It just needs a place where you can see a satellite up in the sky. And it got its own on-board generator. All its electronics are onboard," he said.

Bezzant said they will just press the button, start up the generator, and it automatically



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The U.S. District Court for the NMI's newly acquired satellite Internet trailer undergoes final testing yesterday at the Fishing Base in Garapan. The federal court purchased the equipment due to last year's communication blackout in the CNMI followed by Typhoon Soudelor's destruction of electrical infrastructure on Saipan.

lifts up the satellite dish, aims it automatically at the satellite, and finds the satellite.

The trailer has a capacity of a two-week fuel supply.

"What we have at presently is two megabit per second download speed, one megabit per second upload speed," he said.

Bezzant said the reason for acquiring this trailer is because one year ago yesterday, Saipan was in a communication blackout.

"We couldn't connect with the outside world. We couldn't conduct court business. We couldn't even tell the world that we are still alive," he said.

Bezzant said the island then had no banking system, which was frozen and collapsed temporarily.

He recalled that the hotels, the courts, and the airlines couldn't do business.

"People couldn't withdraw even \$20 out of their bank account to feed their family because the ATM didn't work. The banks couldn't work until they eventually found some way to sort of communicate with Guam," Bezzant said.

The communication blackout, he said, was followed closely with Typhoon Soudelor that destroyed the electrical infrastructure on the island.

He said the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. couldn't generate electricity for sometime under Typhoon Soudelor.

Bezzant said this area also has a history of earthquakes and other kinds of natural disaster.

Bezzant said the U.S. courts were good enough to acquire this satellite communications trailer and send it out here.

So in the event of a disaster, Bezzant said, in a course of a few minutes or less than an hour, they could hook this thing up to a car and tow it to a just any open area where they can see the sky for the satellite.

"Unlock it, press the button,

start up the generator, lift the satellite dish, connect to the satellite, and in less than an hour, if we are in a hurry in 30 minutes, we could have telephone, voiceover Internet, and telephone service," he said.

Bezzant said they will be able to connect up to all other servers, and be able to conduct court business, probation office business, and the marshal office.

He added that they will also be able to support the emergency responders with communication service, data and voice communications.

"So we are very happy to have this emergency response

capability," Bezzant said.

Bezzant said the satellite Internet trailer, which costs around \$300,000, will be shared between the NMI and Guam District Courts back and forth during disasters.

Bezzant said it's pricey but it's highly effective.

"As you also saw a year ago from now what total economic collapse looks like. It's not pretty. And so really it's expensive but is something necessary for disaster recovery," he said.

Bezzant said the equipment will support the District Court, Probation Office, The Marshal Service Office, and to support other federal agencies on the island and other emergency responders.

Keith Bosarge said their company, AT&T Vanguard Services, is based in Redmond, Washington.

"This is a third generation of our emergency communications trailer," the AT&T professional network design engineer said.

Bosarge said the trailer provides communications with a touch of a button when there is no infrastructure anywhere.

"We can get you online and working in a matter of minutes," he said.

Bosarge said this is a lesson learned from Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

He said they built several mobile units on trailers designed to get communications backlog.

"And so this is the product we have now," he added.

VOICES: Raenna Mae E. Aldabe

Editor's note: In Saipan Tribune's latest weekly series, "Voices" shares the stories of those in the CW community and sheds light on the humanitarian crisis in the CNMI.

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Raenna Mae E. Aldabe, 18, has taken on the role of being a parent for her two younger siblings on Rota. She is worried to leave the island in November for the U.S. Navy after learning that her parent's CW papers were not renewed. Aldabe now spends her summer days taking care of her family on her own in the southernmost island of the CNMI.

Her father, who worked as a stock clerk and in construction, and mother, a cashier, left Rota two weeks ago. Aldabe's

father and mother have lived in the islands for nearly 27 and 15 years, respectively.

She told *Saipan Tribune* that when her parents, Mercy and Restituto Aldabe, received the letter of rejection from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services "they knew what was coming, which was to exit the islands." She added, "We all didn't expect this to happen."

Aldabe recently graduated from Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior and Senior High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate-Fuels.

"... being the older daughter who has to take on the responsibilities on my parents' temporary absence for my two other siblings, it came as a shock for me," she said. "It was hard especially with

working because now, I get to have this unexpected opportunity of experiencing what my parents went through especially when there is a lot to balance in such a small scale."

While sharing her struggles with her younger peers in similar situations, Aldabe noted that they wish to be able to organize their parents' papers for petition at their age.

"We would have done it because life has been hard on them; my dad spent half of his life here on Rota and it seemed like a long time ago since he went home to Philippines. I salute my parents really for their sacrifice," she added.

In the remaining days before Aldabe pursues her next challenge in the mainland, she hopes that her mother and father will return and make their family whole again.



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Raenna Mae E. Aldabe, center, poses for a photo with her family after graduating from high school in the island of Rota last May.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed legislation sponsored by Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-Saipan) that will help students and their families get the information they need to choose a college.

The bill creates a new U.S.

US House passes Kilili education bill

Department of Education tool, the College Dashboard, that will put key financial and academic data about the nation's colleges and universities online.

"Students in my district, the Marianas, cannot just hop in the car to drive around looking at colleges," Sablan said, referring to a rite of passage for many mainland U.S. families

with students getting ready to select a college.

"Instead, providing an easy to navigate, web-based tool with information about costs, financial aid, enrollment, graduation rates, and job prospects for graduates will help these students and families make the important decision about where to go to college."



Sablan

Sablan sponsored the "Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act," H.R. 3178, together with his House Education and Workforce Committee colleague Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-North Carolina). Congressman Kilili managed the bill for the Democratic side during debate on the House floor.

By standardizing the infor-

mation from more than 7,000 colleges and universities the College Dashboard will make it easier for families to compare schools side-by-side. And by putting all the information in one place online Sablan's bill will give families, even in geographically remote areas such as the Marianas, a better basis for making one of life's most financially significant decisions.

"Making an investment in a

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DCCA staff undergoes professional development training

Participants from all Department of Community and Cultural Affairs divisions participated in the DCCA 2016 Professional Development Training held from June 14 to 15, 2016.

DCCA staff completed the Fiscal Year 2016 DCCA Professional Development Training at Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

Topics for this year's Professional Development included Code of Ethics (Office of Public Auditor), Disciplinary Process (Office of Personnel Management), Team Building (Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy, Inc.), and Customer Service (Northern Marianas College Community Development Institute).

The various DCCA divisions took active participation taking turns with energizers between presentations and also allowed a short period for a needs assessment survey in order to improve delivery of DCCA programs and services



Staff of different divisions of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs took part in the 2016 Professional Development Training last month at Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

to the community.

The training also provided for feedback from DCCA staff for future Professional Development topics.

The success of the training was made possible by the participation and assistance from the various DCCA divisions and programs headed by the Office of the Secretary Office, which includes Office on Ag-

ing, Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission, Child Care Licensing Program, Nutrition Assistance Program, Child Care and Development Fund, Historic Preservation Office, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and the Division of Youth Services. (PR)



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Govt statisticians brush up on data management skills

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—Government statisticians from seven Pacific Island countries and territories are in New Caledonia this week for a regional Microdata Documentation and Dissemination workshop to refresh their knowledge of tools that manage vital statistical information.

Microdata documentation is a critical phase in the process of managing censuses and data from other statistical surveys.

Documenting surveys and data, such as administrative records and records collected from censuses, has become more critical with the demand for more individual input-data required for monitoring the in-

dicators for the global Sustainable Development Goals.

The weeklong workshop (11-15 July), jointly organized by Paris21 and the Pacific Community (SPC), will also allow participants to review regional statistical dissemination issues and ways of improving these practices.

"The microdata documentation tool is aimed at empowering decision makers by providing them with the right information about the data collected, in the right way at the right time," the Director of SPC's Statistics for Development Division, Dr Ofa Ketuu, said in opening the workshop.

The International House-

hold Survey Network (IHSN) has developed tools for documenting and disseminating census and survey microdata, which have been implemented in several countries in the Pacific, for example, with National Data archives already established in Fiji and Samoa.

However, maintaining these sites requires resources which are not often available to small statistical offices and therefore a regional National Data Archive (NADA) has been set up and is being managed by SPC.

A demonstration of this data archive will also be conducted during the workshop.

"Many statistical tools in the Pacific and around the world

have been quietly pushed to the storeroom, either because they're expensive to maintain or are hard to use. We must ensure these tools are easy to apply, that outputs are accessible and that their use is sustainable," Dr Ketuu said.

"SPC relies on you as champions of this tool to advise whether it's working well, and where we can improve for the benefit of statistical collection and use in our region," Dr Ketuu added.

The Pacific Island countries and territories attending the workshop are: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

The workshop is being

hosted at SPC headquarters in Noumea where the organisation's Statistics for Development Division is based. **(PR)**

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tract to July 2016. His former contract expires in July 2016.

Among others, the amendments increased Riegel's annual salary, and prevented the board from terminating him for any reason except for unlawful conduct, among others, sources said.

Riegel is reportedly on approved annual leave and will return later this month.

It has not been confirmed yet if he has agreed to the board's demands or will stand by the validity of his contract, which was signed by Roberto, himself, Sirok, and former chief financial officer Matt Yaquinto, who was fired without cause last May and who had occupied a court-stipulated order position.

When sought for comment, Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-MP) said members of the House minority bloc are considering pushing for an oversight hearing on the issue.

"At this point, with all these

firing that has happened, an oversight is something we should consider. The fact that the stipulated orders are still not properly addressed, there are some questions that need to be answered," he said.

"We are talking about highly qualified individuals who have the experience and the expertise for these positions and these jobs are very hard to find, locally and even nationally.

"We just lost Matt Yaquinto and there is nobody that can replace him right now and the same will go for John Riegel, if he is also fired. These are cases without cause. They're excuse is that they cannot discuss employee personnel information but the bottom line is they admit that these are without cause, these are employees that didn't get their fair share, they didn't see this, they were blindsided, essentially fired or forced to resign."

"We are possibly facing federal receivership and that is concern. We need to make the right decision and have the qualified individuals running the utility," he added.

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Real World Design Challenge.

The *Saipan Tribune* tried to get comments from MHS principal Cheryl Cabrera, but she was off-island attending a conference in Denver, Colorado. She will return on Saipan on July 25. Even vice principal Bobby Cruz was overseas.

MHS vice principal Karen Alla said she could not say anything about the issue when the *Saipan Tribune* asked her for comment. "Per [CNMI State Board of Education] policy, information like that needs to go through the principal."

"Ms. Cabrera is the one who could talk about and make a comment on the issue. Any other concern, we must wait for her return next week."

Raulerson said he received his notice last Thursday and he has until Oct. 5, 2016, to teach at MHS. "She even told

me to sign up for this year's [RWDC] contest. That's why I was surprised to learn that after two weeks, my contract is not going to be renewed."

"I helped this kids, MHS students, win two national championships. They went up against schools that have a bigger population of students. And I came from Florida, which has more than 19 million people; why throw me a curve [ball]?"

He said that he spent more than 600 hours last year to help the Aeronautical Dolphins with their design and presentation. "Even after the Typhoon Soudelor, we're working. We worked at the airport, at Mango Six, or any place where there is power."

"The Aeronautical Dolphins is an asset to the CNMI. It helped put the CNMI on the map academically; that there's this tiny island in the Western Pacific that has an aerodynamics program," said Raulerson,

who added that he'll attend today's Board of Education meeting to raise the issue of his non-renewal.

Raulerson said people in Washington, D.C. recognized the CNMI after the Aeronautical Dolphins' first win and claiming a second national title further cemented their status as one of the teams to watch out for.

"Now I'm worried about the remaining members of the team. This [Aeronautical Dolphins] program has helped a lot of kids. No idea yet what's my next plan. I might go to Kagman [High School] and combine students there with the remaining kids at MHS."

On a positive note, Raulerson said a video of their Skywalker plane that was their entry in the last national finals would be shown to the Democratic National Convention on July 25 to 28 at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia.

"affluent people, adding that, 'most of them are local people from here in the CNMI' and saying that lawmakers want to 'account for them' and know who these individuals are.

Deleon Guerrero, though, when asked, said he did not know these individuals' names and that the commission needs to "categorize" these consultants and work with Imperial Pacific to signify "who is lobbying for the Legislature, or the government, and who is lobbying for the hotel and casino industry and so forth," adding that it was particularly important to know who is paid to lobbying the government. "We need to make certain," he said, "that we are not put in the spot that we are in favor of the IPI. I for one support the intent of the casino, which is to generate revenue. I am looking forward to the completion of the Grand Mariana Casino Resort...The economy of the CNMI people is going to boom."

The commission was invited by the House tourism committee to speak to lawmakers yesterday on 10 questions sent

earlier—ranging from tax to hotel and casino operations information, among others—that also asked for a list of "lobbyists" Imperial Pacific employed.

According to the July 6, 2016, report provided to the Legislature, the House asked for the number of casino lobbyists including names and their fees.

"IPI report submitted to the Commission on July 1, 2016, reported Mr. Alfred Yue as their casino lobbyist with a monthly fee of \$5,000," commission chair Juan Sablan said in the report. "However, IPI Monthly Master Vendor List shows several hundred vendors some of which were recorded as performing consultancy work."

During the meeting yesterday, commission lawyer Michael Ernest said that Alfred Yue was the one "registered" lobbyist under IPI licensed by the Commonwealth Election Commission. Ernest noted he believes there are only four or five registered in the entire Commonwealth this year, with "the only listed IPI" being Yue.

"There was a gentleman who

was a former legislator who has a lobbying license but did not disclose his principal. I know his name, I just do not know who he is working for," Ernest said.

"We don't know if they are so-called consultants-slash-lobbyists," commission executive director Edward C. Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* after the meeting. "They are some general description of what their purpose is," he said. But Public Law 19-24, or the amended Saipan casino law, allows them to disclose anyone on the master vendors list if it is gaming-related.

"We do not know what the contract agreement is below \$100,000. It is below our regulator licensing requirement... But now we are going to approach IPI to give us a copy of those agreement, of those consultants, and if they are gaming [related] then we will release it to the Legislature."

Asked if these are locally based consultants, Deleon Guerrero said "some" were, adding some help with construction and design. "Several locals," he said.

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college education for families that have never sent anyone to college is a leap of faith, a huge risk," Sablan explained. "And if we can help reduce the risk or give those families a better sense of the value of the financial sacrifices they will have to make to pay for college, then we should do so.

"By supplying key information about colleges online the College Dashboard will help

bridge the geographic and socio-economic gaps that can be a barrier to getting a degree for bright, hard-working, and ambitious students from my district, the Northern Mariana Islands, or from anywhere in America."

The Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act was one of five college-related bills to pass the House today. Taken together these bipartisan measures are seen to be an early step toward reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, probably next year in the 115th U.S. Congress. **(PR)**

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venience, provide the listing of "so-called lobbyists" that Imperial Pacific have listed down on their master vendor list so they could "readily identify who are behind" these individuals.

Leepan Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* after the meeting that the regulators, the Commonwealth Casino Commission, disclosed that "a former congressman and respectful individuals submitted their intent to lobby for" Imperial Pacific. "We want to track those down and make sure it does not impact our ability to enact laws. We don't want to be put into the spot where we are working with lobbyists related with Best Sunshine [International, Ltd]. We want to make sure everything is transparent...We don't want any special interest we are giving to Best Sunshine [casino company under IPI], we want to make sure that the community is protected at large."

He said these consultants are

believes that the Saipan casino law limits them to releasing information for those on the vendors list only if they are tied to casino gaming.

Rep. Edward Propst (Ind-Saipan) believes they may have to revisit the gaming law to make it more transparent for the public, when sought for comment on the issue of consultant work.

"We want to make sure that nothing is kept in the dark," he said. "Financial disclosures are very important. We want to know where the money is coming in from and we would like to know the breakdown."

Propst said it was "absolutely" a concern that these consultants might pose some clout or influence politically and said "they need to know who they."

"We need to know their end game," Propst said. "So if they are politically paid lobbyists that will shed some light on what their positions are with this. As representatives, we speak for the people; we are hired by the people. These are lobbyists paid for by a special organization to get there way so that is a very valid concern."

Gillespie: Scouts program needs adult volunteers

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REPORTER

More than four adult volunteers are needed to fill various posts to lead the CNMI Boy and Cub Scouts. The Salvation Army pastor Wayne Gillespie is trying to revive the program in the Commonwealth that has been in the doldrums more than 10 years now.

Gillespie was one of the guest speakers in yesterday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Giovanni's restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Saipan. He urged Rotary members, especially those in the business sector and church groups, to help support the program.

"That's why I'm reaching out to businesses and churches for their support, either by volunteering to be one of the adult leaders or sponsor the unit. Adult leaders will undergo background check just to make sure they don't have any bad record," Gillespie told the *Saipan Tribune*.

"If they chose to sponsor a unit, especially for businesses, it would only cost them a little amount in helping the scouts," said Gillespie, who added that at least four adult counselors—two each for the Boy and Cub Scouts—are needed.

A number of merit badge counselors are also needed, aside from the four that would act as the Scout leaders. A wide variety of badges, either for emergency preparedness or camping and hiking, are going to be awarded to members of the units who accomplish certain activities.

Gillespie, who is the sergeant-at-arms of the local Rotary Club, said volunteers for the district committee members are positions that must also be filled up. "There are a number of posts also for the district committee and they will help run the district and provide leadership."

He said that a volunteer doesn't need to be a former Boy or Cub Scout to fill up the vacant positions. "Even

The Salvation Army pastor Wayne Gillespie, right, answers a question from a Rotary Club of Saipan member in yesterday's meeting at the Giovanni's restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Saipan. Gillespie is asking his fellow Rotarians to support his plan of reviving the Boy and Cub Scouts program.



me, I was never a Scout but I volunteered. You don't need to have experience being a Boy or Cub Scout to become an adult leader."

"There are a lot of training programs and outlines online on how to become a Scout Master that can be quickly learned. These are training in

order for you to know how to organize and hold meetings," said Gillespie.

Gillespie added that women are also welcome to volunteer

for any position. "Women can be Scout leaders too. All we need are committed volunteers that would help the program."

"They could get in touch with me so we could schedule and organize a meeting. I'm more than willing to answer any of their questions and be with them every step of the way," said Gillespie.

The CNMI is under the Honolulu-based Aloha Council that also includes Hawaii, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Palau. The Aloha Council has the largest geographical area of the Scout Movement.

The training sources can be on the Aloha Council website at alohacouncilbsa.org. For information, call or text Gillespie at 483-0885.

Federal court judge increases CUC's pipeline project funding ceiling to \$10.6M

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David O. Carter yesterday increased the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s pipeline construction project's funding ceiling to \$10,617,300.17.

Carter said after the Engineering Environmental Management Company's (EEMC) receipt of the pipeline project payments by this order, the task order for the project is closed.

Carter ordered the CNMI to pay within 30 business days EEMC Gilbane Federal's invoices in the combined amount of \$1,140,000 pursuant to pipeline project activities.

The judge said after EEMC's receipt of the pipeline project payments required by this order, the EEMC is fully reimbursed for all pipeline costs and will not be entitled

to future reimbursement for the task order costs.

Due to unforeseen site conditions and construction challenges encountered that include human remains exhumations, additional archeological excavations, an unexploded 500-lb World War II bomb, among others, CUC's oil pipeline construction project's cost increased by \$2.1 million from the \$8.5-million budget ceiling.

U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Section senior attorney Bradley R. O'Brien requested the court to increase the Task Order 2(CUC pipeline) to \$10,617,300.17 to reflect the \$2,135,139.17 cost increase from the \$8,482,161 estimate.

O'Brien said notwithstanding the complexities, the pipeline construction was completed in an approximate six-month time frame beginning in November 2015.



PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

THOMAS MANGLONA II

University of Guam president Robert A. Underwood kicked off Day 2 of the 40th Pacific Circle Consortium at Saipan Southern High School last July 6, where dozens of educators from the region convened to talk about the progress of education in the islands.

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

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Texas prosecutor joins OAG's Criminal Division

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

A prosecutor from Texas has joined the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division.

Jonathan Robert "Robby" Glass Jr., 29, took his oath yesterday as an assistant attorney general before CNMI Supreme Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro.

Glass is the seventh prosecutor at the OAG's Criminal Division as AAG Emily Cohen

had left the office a month ago.

Glass will be handling cases involving traffic, misdemeanors, and juveniles.

Glass, of Huntsville, Texas, finished law at Saint Mary University in San Antonio.

Before coming to Saipan, he was a prosecutor handling civil, criminal, and traffic cases in Texas for about three years. He also previously served as a real estate attorney for a year in San Antonio.

Glass said he came from a small jurisdiction and noted

that when he took over as a prosecutor, their juvenile recidivism rate went to zero.

He said he's really happy that he helped juveniles who found themselves in legal trouble not become career criminals or commit more crimes.

Glass found out about the CNMI as he was looking for an island job. Through the Internet, he checked the list of U.S. territories. Glass said when he came across the Commonwealth, he felt it was

"just gorgeous out here." He said he also read reviews from people from the states who are living here.

"So this really captured me and I want to come out here," said Glass, who just arrived on Saipan last Thursday.

"I love it. It's awesome. It's just gorgeous here," the lawyer said.

Glass, who likes to play basketball and soccer, said on Saipan he wants to check out paddle boarding and rowing.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Jonathan Robert "Robby" Glass Jr. from Texas joins the Office of the Attorney General Criminal Division as an assistant attorney general. Glass took his oath yesterday before CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro.

Probable cause found against robbery suspect

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday found probable cause to charge Jeremiah P. Seman, a habitual offender who was arrested last week by an alert off-duty police officer shortly after he allegedly robbed two women in Chalan Kanoa.

At a preliminary hearing, Camacho found probable cause to believe that the crime of robbery was committed and that the 32-year-old Seman may

have committed such offense.

Camacho ordered the defendant to answer the charge.

Arraignment will be on July 18 at 9am.

At the hearing, assistant attorneys general Heather Barcinas and Jonathan R. Glass Jr. called to the witness stand police detective Myron O. Laniyo, who narrated to the court the incident that led to Seman's arrest.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer appeared as

counsel for Seman.

After the hearing, the defendant was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Off-duty police officer Ralph Rangamar chased and arrested Seman last July 5 after the suspect allegedly had just robbed a mother and her daughter who were walking toward Payless Supermarket along Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa.

The 49-year-old woman and her 22-year-old daughter were

not injured. They positively identified Seman as the person who grabbed their Marc Jacobs wallet containing \$200 in cash, a First Hawaiian Bank card, and a CNMI driver's license.

An assisting police officer recovered the victim's Marc Jacobs wallet along with its contents just a few feet from Jin's Apartment in Susupe, where off-duty police officer Ralph Rangamar apprehended Seman.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo earlier imposed an \$11,250 cash bail on Seman. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Ex-Rota cop arrested for domestic violence

A former Rota police officer was arrested on Sunday night for allegedly slapping his wife and hitting her on the head with a butane gas canister at their residence in As Gonno, Saipan.

Dennis Atalig Taisacan, 50, was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a \$3,000 cash bail on Taisacan.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for the defendant. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

Preliminary hearing will be on July 19 at 9am.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety dispatcher received a call on Sunday at 9:50pm from Taisacan's 17-year-old son,

who reported that his father was beating up his mother.

Aldan said Patrol Officer Ralph Rangamar responded, investigated the incident, and arrested Taisacan.

Aldan said investigation showed that prior to the beating, the defendant was drinking liquor that afternoon.

Taisacan slapped the wife twice when she denied his accusation that she was having an affair.

Taisacan then allegedly grabbed a butane gas canister and struck it at his wife's head.

The wife got scared and panicked when she saw blood due to an inch-long laceration on her head.

The couple's 17-year-old son witnessed the beating and called police. He told police that he was so scared to stop his father because he may also beat him up. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC IFB 16-001

NMC CREES RESEARCH STATION, MAIN STATION VEHICLES

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/s/ Anita Camacho
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/s/ Tim Kock, Ph.D
Dean, NMC CREES



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NMC IFB 16-002

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Qualifications: Proven background training/education in the culinary arts specializing in cooking gourmet Chinese cuisine. Proficiency in all aspects of cooking expertise including top industry practices. Work accurately and swiftly in specified tasks. Preference for those with Culinary School Diplomas.

(8) Waiter/Waitress **Salary Range: \$6.11 - \$7.05/hour**
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Qualifications: Established experience as wait staff, especially within fine dining. Excellent relationship skills to satisfy all stakeholders, with superb customer and problem solving skills. Reliable transportation required, with ability to work scheduled flexible hours. Knowledgeable in cashing and ordering systems, competency in Chinese languages preferred. High school diploma, food safety training desirable.

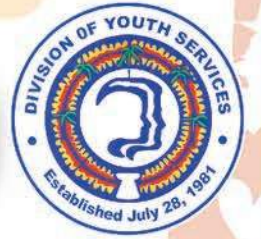
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- Garapan Community Development Center
 - Carolinian Affairs Office (CAO)

***All applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2016**



For more information, please contact the DCCA - Division of Youth Services
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PH Consul to Pinoys: Report your NMI-born kids

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Consulate General of the Philippines in Agaña, Guam Consul Mark Francis C. Hamoy is reminding all Filipinos living in the CNMI to inform them if they have children born in the Commonwealth so they could be registered under their agency. Hamoy and some of their personnel are on Saipan for a four-day mobile consular services.

He said that children of both Filipino children who are born overseas must be registered so they could issue the needed documents for Filipino citizenship.

Some parents have ignored this or registered their children late causing problems if they return to the Philippines.

"If you're kids are born overseas, you need to report it



to the Consulate of the country where you are working. What a lot of our countrymen have been doing is they would register late their sons or daughters," said Hamoy.

"You must report this two days after they are born for them to be registered. If not, chances are you might encounter problems if you visit or went back to the Philip-

pines," he added.

He used the CNMI as an example where some Filipinos who have children born here were either registered late or not at all at the Philippine Consulate.

"A lot of our countrymen think that if their children holds a U.S. passport that's enough for you to stay in the Philippines. U.S. nationals

visiting the Philippines are only allowed to stay for 30 days," said Hamoy.

"That's not the case with some of the Filipinos who have kids here. They think that with their kid holding a U.S. passport that would be enough for them to enter and stay in the Philippines for more than 30 days," he added.

The children, even if their

Jon Perez
Filipinos who have expiring Philippine Passports wait for their turn as personnel from the Philippine Consulate Office in Guam assists another applicant with the biometrics in yesterday's Mobile Consular Services at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center.

parents are both Filipinos, are still considered tourists if they used their U.S. passport to enter the Philippines.

"There are a lot of cases that they let their kids grow up in the Philippines but encounter problems if they are about to come

back here because the child used a U.S. passport entering our country. The child had overstayed so that is a big problem on their part," said Hamoy.

That's why he advised Filipino parents, either both or one, to register their child to the Consulate so they could also get a Philippine Passport to make their child a dual citizen.

"It is just easy, even Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Eli Arago can help in the application and processing. All applications will also be turned over to us so we could start the processing."

Demapan introduces bill to protect retirees' pensions

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) has introduced legislation aimed at protecting retirees' pensions pursuant to the Settlement Agreement approved by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. House Bill 19-178 seeks to establish the Settlement Fund Revolving Fund Account to ensure and protect future payments to the CNMI Retirees by reserving a specified amount from Business Gross Revenue Tax collections.

"Funds deposited into this

special account shall be exclusively used to pay the minimum annual payment pursuant to the Final Amended Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in the NMI District Court Case 1:09-cv-00023," said Demapan.

Demapan pointed out that the Settlement Agreement in the NMI District Court Case 1:09-cv-00023 details that after fiscal year 2015, the CNMI has agreed to make minimum annual payments to the Settlement Fund sufficient to enable the Settlement Fund to pay 75

percent of Class Members' Full Benefits.

"If the CNMI fails to make its annual payments, the Court may enforce a Consent Judgment for the full amount of money the CNMI owes the Class Members," added Demapan. "This legislation will provide the safeguard to ensure that funds are secured and paid to the Settlement Fund before general appropriations are enacted."

Demapan also noted that the Legislature, this past February, passed legislation to protect

the payment of the 25 percent portion of retirees' pensions, but it did not address retirees' concerns about ensuring that funds are committed annually for the 75 percent portion of their pensions.

"If enacted, House Bill 19-178 will alleviate the concerns of our retirees and the Settlement Fund as it will provide for the earmark and essentially guarantee that the government will meet its annual payment obligations under the Settlement Agreement," said Demapan. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS Class '90 reunion this Friday

Marianas High School Class of '90 will hold a happy hour reunion on Friday (July 15) beginning at 5pm at Pacific Islands Club Saipan Seaside Bar & Grill. Dutch treat. Family members and all class teachers are welcome. For more information, join the Facebook group "MHS Class of 90." (PR)

Air Force to conduct training at FDM

ASAN, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Friday, July 15, from 2:30pm to 10pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the

dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, provide sufficient room to conduct the many training profiles required to support aircrew combat readiness requirements.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 13, 2000

Easing of FSM food ban eyed

The ban against entry of raw or cooked food from the Federated States of Micronesia stays, but Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio said the CNMI is looking at accommodating some exemptions, particularly for islands not affected by a cholera outbreak there. He told reporters yesterday that the Department of Public Health is now reviewing a request made by officials in Yap to lift the ban against food coming from that state which is not affected by the outbreak. The department will be coming up with some recommendations within the next few days "why we should not ban their food," said the governor.

Higher exchange rate drives OFWs to remittance centers

The escalating value of the United States dollar against the Philippine peso is unusually driving Filipino workers in the Northern Marianas to remittance centers to apparently take advantage of their earnings' stronger buying power when sent to their families back home. Remittance companies that cater to the huge Filipino community on the islands reported bigger volume of workers from the Philippines have been trooping their centers since the peso started slipping beyond P44 per \$1 early this year. Again, remittance companies are anticipating a much bigger number of Filipino workers dropping by their centers to send hard-earned greenback which is now equivalent to almost P45 for every dollar.

July 13, 2004

JAL executive bids Saipan goodbye

Japan Airlines' administrative manager for Saipan vowed to continue promoting the Northern Marianas in Japan, as he bade goodbye yesterday to the island where he had worked and made friends in the last four years. Yasuyoshi Kinoshita left at 3:50pm yesterday aboard a JAL flight bound for Tokyo, where he will be taking on a new job with the airline. He was sent off by JAL Saipan regional manager Shinichi Yoshida, Japanese consul Takeo Saito, and members of the Saipan-based Japanese Executive Business Committee. Hours before his departure, Kinoshita received a certificate of appreciation from the Marianas Visitors Authority for his over four years of active involvement in promoting the islands to tourists.

'Allot more resources to DOL'

The government should allocate more of its resources to the Department of Labor if it is serious about addressing workers' complaints, federal ombudsman Jim Benedetto said. Speaking at the Saipan Rotary Club meeting yesterday, Benedetto listed various problems at the Department of Labor, including the delay in enforcement of workers' complaints, and unavailability of labor and repatriation bonds. He reported that Labor currently has only five investigators and one full-time hearing officer—Jerry Cody. He noted that due to Labor's manpower shortage, it is not uncommon for even simple workers' complaints to get acted upon. Labor law could also be amended to allow the Attorney General's Office to institute collection efforts against employers that owe back wages, he added.

July 13, 2005

'Fuel surcharge law needed'

The Legislature may have acted in haste in approving

a bill repealing the fuel surcharge fee, said House minority leader Arnold I. Palacios yesterday, noting that in emergency situations like the current power crisis, a constitutional provision for the fuel surcharge fee is necessary. "There's no denying that we voted for the repeal but maybe the Legislature acted in haste. If you look at the provision of the law, 4 CMC Section 8148 (b), that's what it is for: in case the Commonwealth can no longer afford fuel cost. That's why it's there. The law gives us this flexibility to impose FSF and get at least half of the fuel cost," said Palacios. Gov. Juan N. Babauta had written the Legislature on Monday, asking the lawmakers to find funds for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. if they want to repeal the fuel surcharge provision. The governor justified in his letter that the fuel surcharge is needed at this time to partially recover CUC's fuel cost, citing that prices of oil have increased 100 percent since over a year ago.

The CTC's final order

The Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission has modified its final order regarding its approval of the multi-million-dollar Verizon sale transaction, clarifying certain restrictions such as limiting the \$20-million capital expenditure plan to primarily benefit CNMI customers. The CTC issued the opinion and order Monday, partly granting and denying the modification requests filed by Pacific Telecom Inc. and Micronesian Telecommunications Corp., as well as interveners Gov. Juan N. Babauta and CNMI consumer counsel Brian Caldwell. The CTC granted the companies' request to relax reporting requirements for CoBank, the deal's main financier, which PTI and Verizon claimed is experienced in providing telecommunications acquisition financing. CoBank was involved in the acquisition of the Guam telephone system.

CNMI Thespians return from successful trip

The full summer results are in and the CNMI Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands had one very successful trip to The International Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The students on the CNMI Team came from thespian troupes from Kagman High School (troupe director Joy Jones), Grace Christian Academy (troupe director Grace Duran), and Marianas High School (Troupe directors Jojo Alepuyo and Paul Dujua). Our Junior Thespians did not join us this year since they went to their own International Festival in Dallas, TX earlier in the year.

In order of appearance, as they say in theatre, their participations, performances, and competition results were as follows:

Opening ceremony

Our five Thespian Senior performers participated in the festivals opening ceremony. This marks the fourth year we have been requested to participate in this event. The students joined students from troupes all over the country and from around the world and performed in front of over 4,000 of their peers, in the two performances at the University of Nebraska's 2,000-plus seat Lied Theatre. Members of the team that participated were: Neil Fama, Riczi Cano, Mikee Campo, Paula Gozon, and Annabel Manzo

National Individual Event Showcase

These events evaluated 23 of our Thespians against other Top Thespians that had been selected through competition



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI Thespians pose for group photo after taking part in the National Individual Event Showcase of The International Festival in Lincoln Nebraska.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI Thespians took part in the freestyle theater portion of The International Festival in Lincoln Nebraska.

in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Johnny Carson Theatre. Their Choral prowess again made them the audience favorite bringing home their third Trophy from this event.

The Freestyle Theatre

The Team returned to Freestyle Theatre again this year with the original musical presentation "It Had To Be You" by Paul Dujua. The cast were members of the "Festival's Got Talent Team." Like the previous events it was a rousing success. The production received steady applause, cheers, and a standing ovation.

College Auditions

Our students entering their senior year auditioned for colleges and universities. These nine students accounted for 63 "Call Backs" (an institution's desire to recruit the student) by 22 different colleges and universities. Six of these were Division 1 schools. Performers Diane Hermogenes, John Huevos, Jayrald Mercene, Yuuki Nishida, Joselle Reyes, Paula Talibong bagged 35, and Julia Espina, Nemerlyn Magat, and Ariane Reyes representing our Technical Theatre participants another 28. This is the largest number of "Call Backs" a CNMI Team has ever received. Among those universities who are recruiting our students are Texas Christian University, Farleigh-Dickenson University, DePaul University and The University of Colorado. Schools such as the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, St Louis University, St. Mary's-Minnesota, Savannah School of Art and Design, and the University of Houston have already had students from our programs and are hoping more will attend.

The Chapter Select Showcase

The entire team participated in the Chapter Select Showcase. This Showcase of one act plays performed at the UNL-Howell Theatre, are those specially qualified productions selected by the Educational Theatre Association to be presented at the Festival. This year's CNMI Team was proud to continue this long-standing tradition. The production this year was the comedy "The Rehearsal" by Don Zolidis. The production was received with gales of laughter and cheers from the opening production number to the play's conclusion. It was followed by a standing ovation. Special thanks to our Theatre Marketing representatives Julia Espina and Edna Nisola!

It was a great way to end our festival experience. (PR)

from other Chapters across the United States and around the world. They were evaluated before a three-judge panel. Our students again showed they were among the best.

Receiving medals for Top Honors (Superior Rating) were: Ariane Reyes in Costume Design and Miguel Anion, Roland Balajardia, Mikee Campo, Riczi Cano, Neil Fama, Geos Gozon, Paula Gozon, Diane Hermogenes, John Huevos, Leonard Manuel, Annabel Manzo, Joselle Reyes, Charley Sablan, Clarisse Torio, and Erica Tubera in Group Musical Theatre.

The remaining Thespians reached the second level (Excellent Rating):

Elizabeth Jones (with one Superior Rating) and Paula Talibong, Solo Musical Theatre; Jayrald Mercene with Yuuki Nishida, Duet Acting; Ocsheighnya Sablan (with one Superior Rating) and Nemerlyn Magat, Short Film. They were followed by John Ruoxiang Lu (with one Excellent Rating), Scenic Design

Workshops

Throughout the week coaches and students alike attended a variety of workshops on performance and theatre tech. These workshops are taught by highly qualified theatre professionals and will certainly enhance our students' skills.

Festival's Got Talent

Our Group Musical Theatre Team competed in the "Festival's Got Talent" competition

Coast Guard, Navy medevac ill mariner from sailing vessel north of Oahu

HONOLULU—Coast Guard and Navy aircrews conducted a medevac of a 58-year-old mariner from the 45-foot sailing vessel Second Chance 184 miles north of Oahu, Sunday.

A Navy SH-60 helicopter crew from Kaneohe Bay hoisted the mariner aboard the helicopter and returned to Kaneohe Bay where he was transferred in stable condition to awaiting emergency medical personnel for further transport to Castle Medical Center.

A Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules airplane crew flew cover for the Navy helicopter and managed communications with the sailing vessel crew for both aircraft and Coast Guard Sector Honolulu watchstanders. A Coast Guard hospital corpsman flew with the Navy helicopter crew, administered an IV

to the mariner and monitored his condition en route to Oahu.

At 5:55 a.m. Thursday the Coast Guard received a request for a medevac of the mariner who was suffering from extreme seasickness and is diabetic with a heart condition. The vessel departed Ko'olina, Oahu, with six people aboard five days earlier but turned around when the mariner became severely ill.

They were three days from Oahu at the time of their call for assistance. A Coast Guard duty flight surgeon recommended the crew monitor the mariner's condition and close the distance between them and Coast Guard crews. The Second Chance crew maintained a regular communications schedule with the Coast Guard.

By 4:40 a.m. Saturday the mariner's previously stable

condition was deteriorating. The Coast Guard duty flight surgeon recommended a medevac to bring the mariner to higher level of medical care as soon as possible. The Second Chance was still outside the range of any hoist capable aircraft and there were no vessels in the area. The crew continued to make way toward Oahu.

Watchstanders estimated the vessel would be within range of air assets by first light Sunday and coordinated with the Navy's HSM-37 Easyrider Squadron to conduct the hoist. The Coast Guard Hercules crew launched prior to sunrise and the helicopter crew shortly after.

The helicopter crew deployed their rescue swimmer and attempted to hoist the mariner from the deck of the Second Chance but 13 mph winds from the east and 7-foot

seas made it impossible to do safely. The rescue swimmer was instead able to swim the mariner from the sailing vessel to the awaiting rescue basket a few hundred yards from the Second Chance, clear of the mast and rigging. Once the mariner was safely aboard the crew recovered their rescue swimmer and departed for Kaneohe Bay.

"This case's extreme distance and the mariner's need underscores the importance of having hoist capable helicopters in the main Hawaiian Islands," said Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Scott, of Coast Guard Joint Rescue and Coordination Center Honolulu. "Our thanks to the Navy for their continued support and partnership in this case, allowing us to get the mariner to vital medical care in the most expedient way possible." (PR)

Opinion

Hafa Adai!

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Minnesota, Louisiana, Dallas

What happened in Dallas last week was unambiguously awful — unforgivable, indefensible, tragic. There is no moral calculation that can justify the killing of five police officers in cold blood. Police officers put their lives at risk to protect communities. They go where the rest of us don't dare. They run toward danger when the rest of us run away. On Thursday, these five officers were doing their jobs, patrolling a peaceful evening protest, when they were killed without warning. That's heartbreaking and unfair.

But at the same time, the fact that a deranged sniper went on a shooting rampage does not mean — and should not be cynically used to suggest — that the people who were demonstrating in Dallas had no cause for protest. Americans must be able to hold those two ideas in their heads simultaneously: that the actions of 25-year-old Micah Johnson were reprehensible and that the people protesting the police shootings of African-Americans in Minnesota, Louisiana and elsewhere have legitimate grievances.

If race is the great unfinished conversation in American society, it is criminal justice — and policing in particular — that is at the cutting edge of that discussion, a subject that separates blacks from whites perhaps more than any other. Until recently, when Michael Brown, Freddie Gray, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, Ezell Ford and others became household names, white Americans were too often oblivious to African-American fear and mistrust of law enforcement. Anger about police brutality and police shootings went unheeded.

Yet that anger is not 2 years old and did not begin when Brown was killed in Ferguson, Mo., in 2014. It is 50 years old, 75 years old, 100 years old and more.

Today, the subject remains raw and painful for African-Americans and, increasingly, for whites. The videos that millions of people watched last week were horrifying and depressing. Of course Americans of all races were upset watching Philando Castile bleed to death in his car after being shot by a police officer in Minnesota in front of his girlfriend and her child. Of course they were angry watching officers shoot Alton Sterling to death in Baton Rouge, La., as he lay on the ground. These graphic, violent videos, like others that have been made public in recent months and years, suggested to many viewers a casual disregard for African-American life on the part of the police. Did police really have to shoot Sterling if he was, in fact, already pinned down? Can it be true that Castile was killed while simply reaching for his wallet to produce his driver's license, as his girlfriend says he was instructed to do?

It's nearly impossible to tell from any single video whether a shooting was justified. To understand the nature of our national policing problem and to put it in context, what's needed is more data, more analysis, more information. How many people are being killed by the police? How many are young men? How many are unarmed? How many are African-American? Why are they being shot? Are police officers being punished or exonerated and are those outcomes fair or dubious? We need intelligible data to determine to

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Plastic kingdom

We've covered this territory before. I remember facing a student at my school drinking water out of a plastic bottle, the kind one of our bakeries prepare for PSS cafeteria consumption. After he was done, this young boy flung his empty bottle unto the green grass when on his right and left were trash bin receptacles specifically designed for trash collection.

I walked over to where the discard was thrown, picked it up and dropped it into the trash bin. No fuss and, perhaps, the watchful audience expected me as a teacher to berate the offending child. No such thing but the space stayed uncluttered with discards all day. Someone evidently paid heed to a lesson. The next day, of course, was another story but this habit of throwing plastic bottles, moo and fruit juice containers everywhere but the trash bins, is well developed.

Were there an imager from outer space that sparkles photos of thrown plastics around would create a glowing picture, the planet would glow. There are cultures that developed immaculate tidiness, some sceneries of Japan come to mind, but even there, on a trip to Sapporo on Hokkaido not too long ago, there was graffiti under the elevated highway, along with throwaway discards. Can't win them all.

I took a dip with a snorkel in the Wotje lagoon of the Marshall Islands in the early '80s appreciating the pristine surroundings and a few moored boats that the well-to-do kept for inter-island travel as the fishermen did not seem to have need of boats to catch their fish. I was merrily bobbing my head on the water surface and noticed a floating object that caught my curiosity.

Swimming closer to the object, it was a pamper discard that has been on a water a while 'cause I could not determine if it was for an elder or a child. I felt guilty; I was associated with Trans Atoll Service Corporation (TASC) lowered prices of imported commodities in Majuro and the outer islands so the Mom-and-Pop store could flourish with current inventory. The discard was probably one of ours.

Plastics had been a boon to housewives when the material spilled off the industrial plants to the kitchen and household, but now, it is all over the place, the convenient wrapper and the saran wrap the common culprits. Of course, it is not the plastic, silly. It is our human capacity to discard willy-nilly because we assume someone is going to pick after us. The maintenance man at our school was always handy with his small tractor and his associate comes around with a pointed pole to gather the refuse missed by the tractor.

It was a convenient arrangement save that the masters and mistresses of the classroom casually lord it over the environment expecting a retinue of servants to pick after them. Earthrise consciousness is not just keeping the image of the rising earth on the lunarscape as an operating context; it is also what our mothers taught us, to keep the surroundings tidy and clean. "Bullying" is

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not limited to forcing one's will on others. We also "bully" the Earth with our discards and refuse.

It is always a great sight to see the sweepers on the pathway and the grass mower keeping the grass by the sidewalk trim and low like a golf link. Of course, the pathway is the No. 1 asset in the tourism industry so it must be kept impeccably spick and span. With maintained trash bins along the way, the admiring walkers and joggers dispense of their water bottles and discard in the receptacles and keep the walkway uncluttered.

We do not wish to sound preachy. God knows we have enough of that from everywhere. But taking care of our surroundings is something within our power to accomplish. It is but a matter of choice.

I lingered for a couple of weeks at a San Isidro, CK place by the lagoon favored by many picnickers when the owner is at home and keeps the gate unlock, otherwise, it is locked to avoid the horde of weekend swimmers and sticky-fingered little folks.

There is the omnipresent cigarette butt with the filter made of plastic fibers that decomposes long after we are gone. The absence of any structure to put them leaves the place cluttered with butts.

Next come the candy and nut bar wrappers. Oh, they all glow in the dark and will still be shiny when our host is gone and his offspring turns the place into a hotel as its neighbors already are, the spanking new eatery next door a favored hideaway. The shorefront is sandy tan (not white, silly) kept clean and tidy where volleyball tourneys are held and the laughter of the young duets with ocean winds.

My host will keep the ironwood, coconut, plumeria, and flame tree, thank you, and have the sailboats and catamaran on the yard, but we can see the signature on the wall. The visitors' industry needs for visitors' housing will prevail.

The moo and fruit-flavored juice containers litter the ground, as well. Not too long ago, in "The Graduate" movie, a guest of the parents of the character of Dustin Hoffman was told: "Plastic." Yup. We got plenty of that.

After the horror, we must build one America

“It is more dangerous to be black in America. You’re substantially more likely to be in a situation where police don’t respect you.”

The speaker was not Barack Obama; it was former Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Even a conservative firebrand like Gingrich was shaken by videos showing black men killed by police in Baton Rouge and suburban St. Paul.

Then the lone assassin in Dallas shot and killed five police officers and wounded seven more. Grief, fear and anger spread.

The challenge now — for every concerned American — is how we react to the injustice and the violence. We know that our justice system suffers from massive and systematic racism. It is more dangerous to drive while black. African-Americans are more likely to be stopped, more likely to be searched, more likely to be arrested if stopped, more likely to be charged if arrested, and more likely to be jailed if convicted. The budget of many small towns is based upon the fines, penalties and fees paid for by largely African-American offenders. Police, states attorneys and judges tend to have a shared perspective, an organizational kinship.

How do we respond? After the shootings of Philando Castile in Minneapolis and Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, La. — as after Ferguson, Mo. and Baltimore and more — nonviolent demonstrations spread across the country. Whites joined with blacks and Latinos and Asian-Americans to call for an end to the killings, for justice, for the recognition that Black Lives Matter. These are the tactics taught by Jesus, Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, not because they were scared of violence but because they were wise about change. Nonviolence condemns the sin, but not the sinner. It indicts the injustice by forcing recognition of our shared humanity. It summons the better angels of our character, not the bitter angers of our fears.

We must choose reconciliation over retaliation and revenge. This is a teachable moment if we are finally willing to learn that too many guns, too much injustice and growing disparities is a lethal cocktail.

It is unfair to associate this terrorist attack with our long struggle for peace and justice for all. This crime has endangered those who would protest nonviolently against injustice. It roused fears and spread hatred. The reactionary will use his crimes to try to discredit the reform movement. Police across the country will be even more on guard. Violence isn’t an answer; it is sabotage.

America is scarred by what has become routine violence. There is good news. The murder rate is dropping. The number of police killed in the line of duty is lower in recent years than it in earlier decades. But according to the tally of the Washington Post, 509 people have been shot by police to date in 2016, a pace similar to last year’s. And gun violence continues to take a grisly toll.

The cameras that now are everywhere have begun to expose to America the reality that people of color have known all too well. Now people of good conscience must come together and demand change. This will take multiracial coalitions, electoral

mobilization and peaceful protest.

But the camera’s eye shows us only a glimpse of the symptoms; it does not reveal the roots of the disease. The camera lens can reveal the police abuse, breaking the curtain of silence. But it does not show the roots of the problem.

The reality is that there are still two Americas. We’ve overcome legal racial segregation but we haven’t overcome legal resource segregation in schools, jobs, contracts, investments, access to capital, technology and deal flow. Poor African-Americans and Latinos are more likely to be crowded into impoverished neighborhoods, marked by drugs and guns, by violent streets and broken schools, unemployment and crushed hopes. Police are tasked to keep order amid the despair. It is an impossible job.

Yes, we need justice when police officers brutalize the innocent. We need more training, more cameras, more community relations, and new community forms of policing. We need to end the racial disparities in arrests, searches, sentencing and more.

But the police will still be in an impossible position unless we

Edukasion Famaguon-ta

Kada ratu mapusturaye finana’guen pot kuttura yan tradision. Un’ obligasion mañaina ni listu para umapega guatu gi sisteman edukasion.

Gi memegaiña besis ma-upus i dichu pisu ni mafafana’ diariu. Machoneg prinipone ni tai añkla yan sustansia gi mapetsisige na asuntun kuttura yan tradision.

Mapropone sisteman edukasion kumu pisun finana’guen liñguahe pot para uma-abiba usuña petpetuamiente. Ti marikonose haf’ propiu fuñgion sisteman edukasion ‘an mattu gi asuntun fotmalidat finana’guen liñguahe. Puru che’chu’ hasupag na priniponen lai. Dios mihu!

I kuestion ti mapot: Na ti primera edukasion i patgon matuhon ginen halom guma’ famiia? Kau hagu mismu ni saina unna’ setsebe liñguahen hila’ nanamu gi famaguon-mu? I machogue na estadiu gi usun liñguahe gi halom gima’ Chamorro ilelegña na 90 pot sientu gi familia man-finu’ E’Eñglis desde oga’an. Haf’ mohon ma suhun liñguahe gi hilu’ este na attura?

I che’chu’ sisteman edukasion i para u konfitma yan simientu haf’ i famaguon man-mafana’guen niha ginen i gima’ gi hilu’ fotmat na leksion. I para umasot-ta i sisteman edukasion para u katga este na obligasion che’chu’ muron. I mañaina debi siha u chahlau primera edukasion famaguon niha! Na ti hagas mapraktitika este guine?

Kulan man-flores mañan man-deskatgan obligasion saina gi otu ahensia ni tai obligasion! Ke lau kau ta komprende obligasion halom guma kumu saina? Sin usun liñguahe gi halom guma’ mauleg ta prepara ma-enterun hila’ nanata gi ti apmam yan pa’gu. Estague’ na chalan ‘nai man-gaige hit pa’gu. Hita mismu umaminasa haf’ naturat gi bandan liñguahe!

Benifisiosu: I man-mehnalom siha na professot pasifiku pot liñguahe umesplika haf’ para umasusede ‘nai ti man-mafana’gue famaguon man-mañgge’ gi finu’ niha. Gi halom 25 años matai siempre i liñguahe. Hombre konbetsasion ta u’upus diariu. Kuando menos i finana’guen matuge’ finu’ Chamorro.

Este i hu tutuge’ sih na attikulu gi finu’ Chamorro petsonat yan maisa na inestudiu pot taya leplon mañgge’ gi fino’ ta. Dispues de todú ‘nai matompu’yu’ adumididi’ hu danche dodoplaña. Hu birayu’ tatte gi tinige’ biuhu yan sattun na inekuñog konbetsasion mañainahu para bai’ ke danche liñguahen Chamorro.

Sige mona hu soda’ na sumen popble na liñguahe kase pot 400 años ni makepunu’ desde Español, Haliman, Japones yan pa’gu Amerikanu. Ya maseha makat na pasu ni unabes ‘nai sumehayu’ tumuge’ haf’ gaige gi hinasoghu. Po’lu ya i manatatte u sineseda’ haf’ hu pluma gi todú asuntun linahyan guine. Kumeke ileghu patteyu’ gi estorian tano’ ta na hu prekura mañgge’ asuntota siha.

Magahet na lamegai na asuntu inipus mante’ug. Debi bai seha un’ ratu antes de bai tuge’ haf’ hinasoghu. Diariu este na eksisiu pot para bai’ asegura na klaru kinemprendeghu gi haf’ hu esplika dispues. Ginen este na modun inatuñgu’ ‘nai hu papañgon tatte haf’ liñguahen este siha na petlas.

I Difirensia: Ti parehu konbetsasion yan matuge’ na finu’ Chamorro. Libre yan libianu i tautau ha sañgan sentimentoña gi fina’ konbetsasion. Taya’ mapega areglun pot usun grammatika yan palabra. Sañgan dibuenamente hinassomu ya i inetnun un’ inekuñog kau propiu yan kombeni. Libre na ekspressiu ginen todú pattisipante.

‘Nai mattu hau gi bandan mañgge’ ha nesessita este na eksisiu fotmalidat desde asuntu, usun faktu na infotmasion, grammatika, propiu na usun yan pinegan palabra, yan komprendiyun na tinige’. Dispues, debi un’ bira hau tatte rumikonose kau un’

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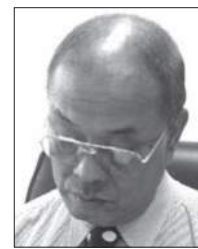


get serious about making this one America, in redressing the lack of jobs, the broken schools, the shortage of affordable housing, the lack of health care and drug treatment, the shortage of parks and recreational facilities. That is why we need a White House conference on the two Americas, on racial disparity, poverty and reconstruction. We need a plan for jobs, for rebuilding our impoverished neighborhoods, for replacing guns with books and drugs with hope. Without that, the camera lens will continue to reveal that the horrors and the crimes are continuing, and the spiral of hate and fear deepening.

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komple gi hechuran tinige’mu haf’ intension-mu.

Manadan palabra gi finu’ Eñglis taya’ gi finu’ Chamorro ni tampoku konseptu ni guaha ‘nai ta fagcha’e. Todú i dos debi umapula’ para umakomprende sin ditension. Presisu lokue’ na un’ tuñgu’ haye yan haf’ na eskalanan mantataitai un’ fafana’. Hu apupunta entalu’ siete yan nuebe gradu na estudiante gi tinige’hu gi todo atmos bandan liñguahe. ‘An hu komple este pues kase felis presentasion-hu. Tai bali mabanidosuye usun man-dañkulu siha na palabra ni hagu ha’ tumuñgu’.

Kuttura: Sessu tana’ paha usun palabran ‘kuttura’ gi konbetsasion-ta. Kulan mohon satbasion gigon ta usa para ta defende direchun natibu.

Lau haf’ pa’gu kutturán natibu gi todú atmos banda? Haf’ aidentifikasion natibu guine na patte? Guaha ‘nai in’ hasu este na puntu gi konbetsasion tradision tanu’?

I tradision natibu ha tutuhon maliñgu desde finagpu’ gera ‘nai ta tutuhon man-machochu’ pot sueddo gi praihet yan gobietnu. Magahet na mas libianu macho’chu’ ke todú dia gi papa’ somnag gi hagas gualu’ yan tasi. Estague’ tutuhon mappla’ kuttura yan tradision gualu’ yan tasi.

Taya’ uttimu na sahyán natibu i liñguahiña. Hombre este na sahyán adumididi’ sige maliñgu mientras mas i natibu hana setbe finu’ Eñglis gi halom guma’ niha. Nubienta pot siente gi familia pa’gu finu’ Eñglis ma-u’usa diariu.

Seriosamente, haf’ pa’gu kuttura-ta? Mauleg na kuestion para konbetsasion todus gi oran amotsa yan fina’ kafe. Ginen konbetsasion-ta ‘nai adumididi’ siña ta pula’ ineppen kuestion pot kuttura-ta gi modetnu na Marianas.

Paluman Apu: Bes enkuando gi lemlem tautau guaha ‘nai sumugu’ un’ paluman apu gi tatten guma’. Hu tuñgu’ na guaha-yu’ bumisisita. Tumekun-yu’ manayuyot. ‘Nai tumalag hilu’yu’ esta gumupu para otu lugat.

Guaha estaba gachoñgña lau dispues guiguiya ha’ namaisa. Enfin sumusugu’ giya hame teñga gi minachom atda. Mauleg na fina’ konsuelu gi todú finatoña. Sessu teñga hu konsidera haye gi man-madispone na parentela man-bisisita. Humahalom-yu’ lau orasion i propiu ineppen. Hu hoñgge na i paluma guiya i hechuran espiritu!

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Biba: Sige i tropan para u fañgandidatu madopbpla mañgas chininan niha. Kada unu motmut konfiansa na para u fan gana. Buenu! Lau guaha planun programa-mu ni siña ta analisa, tumaitai yan kumomprende kau kombeni para i publiku? Un’ komprende na tinahuñg ni ‘biba’ este na biahe? Lagnos haf’ planumu ya ta ñgañgas estake mamtu’!

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Sige amiguha Magoo ha ketuñgu’ haf’ gaige gi uttimu na pahinan linala’ña. Los uttimu ha baba ya ha eñgulu’. Ilegña, “Tap-bla!” Era ha soda’ na ‘nai madispone matai popble i amiguha. Hu abisa na yangin guaha suetten maseha haye na prohimu debi u fattu gi idat 30 años. ‘An taya’ sumugu’, aksepta na esta’i finataita puru sufa’!

SENATOR

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what degree this is a training issue or a racism epidemic or a gun-control problem or a crime problem or a trigger-happy cop problem. It is outrageous, nearly two years after Ferguson, that police agencies around the country are not uniformly required to make this information available to the federal government and the public.

Instead, the discussion has relied on informal statistics. The Washington Post, for instance, has been tracking the numbers as best it can. That newspaper reported that police shootings around the country had increased from 465 in the first six months of 2015 to 491 for the same period in 2016, and that blacks continued to be shot at 2.5 times the rate of whites (although more whites are killed in absolute numbers than blacks).


President Barack Obama, to his credit, has taken exactly the right tone. On Thursday, he noted that all fair-minded Americans should be troubled by the recent shootings by police in Minnesota and Louisiana, which he called “symptomatic of a broader set of racial disparities that exist in our criminal justice system.” He explained that there was no contradiction between supporting law enforcement and recognizing its mistakes, biases and problems. Then, on Friday, he denounced the “vicious, calculated and despicable” attack on the police officers in Dallas.

The United States is at a crossroads, facing an epidemic of fear and anger, a resurgence of violence, a divided populace and another skirmish in its long, ongoing struggle with race. How will we respond? Can we come together to address the inequalities and disparities and mistrust that President Obama called to our attention, or will we ignore them at our own peril?

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼79°


THURSDAY



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

▲87° ▼78°


FRIDAY



Partly sunny. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.

▲89° ▼79°


SATURDAY



Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.

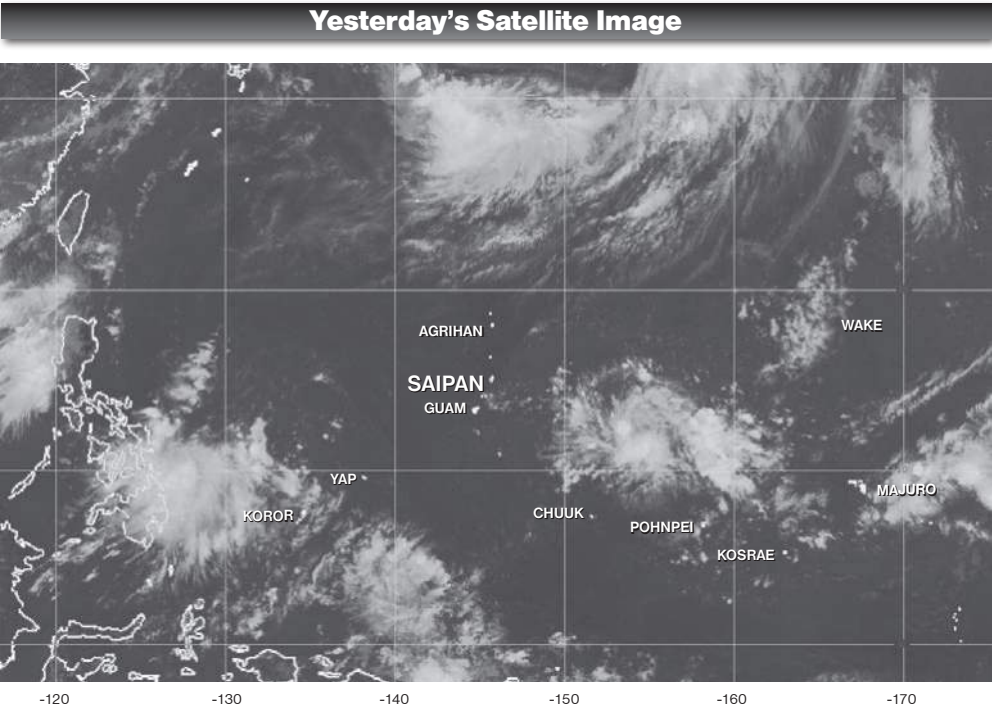
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SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲90° ▼80°



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough runs northwestward from EQ135E to beyond 130E at 6N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen northwest of Koror, west of a line from 6N132E to 12N133E and also south of Yap between the equator and 6N from 138E to 143E. Isolated thunderstorms are found just north of Koror within 50 miles of a line from 10N133E to 7N137E. Another surface trough curves northwestward from EQ154E to end east of the northern CNMI at 18N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring east of the trough, north of Chuuk and Pohnpei but near Enewetak Atoll between 10N and 16N from 150E to 162E. A third surface trough reaches northeastward from south of Kosrae at EQ162E through a weak circulation centered just northeast of Majuro at 8N173E to end near 12N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present over the northern Marshall Islands within 85 miles of a line from 7N168E to 10N173E to 12N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▼ 82	▲ 92
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 80	▲ 86
Yap	Sunny	▼ 79	▲ 89
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 78	▲ 86
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▼ 76	▲ 88
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 78	▲ 86
Majuro	Sunny	▼ 81	▲ 86

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 49	▲ 59
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▼ 70	▲ 96
Hong Kong	Rain	▼ 79	▲ 83
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▼ 72	▲ 83
London	Showers	▼ 53	▲ 66
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▼ 63	▲ 82
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▼ 79	▲ 91
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▼ 44	▲ 51
Miami	Cloudy	▼ 82	▲ 89
New York	Partly Sunny	▼ 72	▲ 86
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 75	▲ 86
Paris	Showers	▼ 54	▲ 66
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▼ 76	▲ 79
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▼ 67	▲ 91
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▼ 55	▲ 79
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▼ 55	▲ 72
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▼ 71	▲ 88
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 75	▲ 83
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▼ 72	▲ 83



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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
2:53 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
10:07 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.51 Feet
4:09 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.29 Feet
9:19 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.89 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	1:10 PM	12:30 AM
Thursday	1:58 PM	1:09 AM
Friday	2:47 PM	1:50 AM
Saturday	3:36 PM	2:34 AM
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500 Sails to present at Soroptimist luncheon

500 Sails executive director Pete Perez will share 500 Sail's vision and plan to get traditional sailing proas back into regular use in the CNMI at a fundraising luncheon hosted by Soroptimist International of the Northern

Mariana Islands.

The luncheon will be held in Giovani's at the Hyatt Regency Saipan from 11:30am to 1:30pm on July 21. Tickets are \$25 each and available from Soroptimist members or from Natural Nail Spa on Micro

Beach Road in Garapan, and Paradise Dental Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai.

500 Sails was established in 2014 to further the revival of traditional maritime practices in the Marianas by making large, ocean-going Chamorro and Carolinian proas accessible and affordable to the average person. It will do this by establishing a Guma Sakman (canoe house) where building and sailing

proas will be taught and supported. Participants will be assisted by a skilled team to build their own proas. Additional programs, such as swimming, boating safety and navigation will support participants so that they can safely enjoy sailing and all the benefits that come with it. According to Perez, "Those benefits include access to open ocean fish, healthy and culturally relevant recreation

and transportation."

The proas will be in the 25- to 40-foot range, "following the proven Chamorro and Carolinian designs that were developed and perfected over thousands of years."

500 Sails follows on the "Sakman Project" that began in Saipan a decade ago with research, planning, and fundraising by the Sakman Chamorro organization. These assets were passed on to the San Di-

ego based Chelu organization that completed the project. The result is the 47-foot proa "Chelu" that was a featured exhibit in the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts on Guam.

The public is invited to attend the fundraiser where full details about the 500 Sails project will be presented.

500 Sails is a CNMI non-profit corporation and federally recognized 501(c)(3) organization. (PR)

CARE calls on community to take part in Soudelor anniversary events

Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts and its network partners are coordinating and hosting a series of events to commemorate the one-year anniversary of Typhoon Soudelor. The purpose of these events is to celebrate the island community's unity to reflect on what it has learned and how far it has come in its collective recovery, and to honor the resiliency and strength of all who provided aid and all who were impacted—especially those still working toward recovery.

The anniversary date of Soudelor is Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016. Additional events may be added to this schedule, but at this time the following events are confirmed to take place from Aug. 1 to Aug. 7, 2016:

Governor's Proclamation Signing

Date: Monday, Aug. 1, 2016

Time: 9am

Location: Governor's Conference Room in Capitol Hill

Who: All interested community members

SOU' Rise Sunrise Vigil

Date: Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016

Time: 5am-6am

Location: Capitol Hill Baseball Field

Who: Faith communities, first responders, and all interested community members

Humanities Council Film Festival

Date, Time and Location: TBD

Who: All interested community members

SOU' Ride to Recovery

Date: Saturday, Aug. 6

Time: Morning

Location: Villages island-wide

Who: Matua Riders Motorcycle Club members

SOU' Fest: Community celebration with games, live entertainment, food vendors, disaster preparedness information and giveaways, and the SOU' Fest Show Down Karaoke Contest!

Date: Saturday, Aug. 6

Time: 6pm-11pm

Location: Garapan Fishing Base

Who: All interested community members. Families and kids welcome!

Tournament of Champions: Closest to the Pin and CARE Pledge Contests

Date: Saturday, Aug. 6, and Sunday, Aug. 7

Location: Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort

Who: Tournament of Champions participants

In addition to these events, community members will start to notice blue and yellow ribbons displayed on repaired telephone poles and in other locations around the community. Five hundred Ribbons for Resiliency will be displayed across the community as a visual reminder of how far we've come in our recovery. These are intended to remind us of how much repair and restoration work has been completed over the past year, and to convey gratitude for all those who have contributed to the recovery. These 500 ribbons also serve to bring awareness to the more than 500 families who still have unmet needs today, especially for repair and rebuilding assistance, more than a year after Soudelor left us.

For more information about SOU' Week events hosted by CARE network partners, go to <http://carecnmi.org/events/anniversary-events>.

Any organizations or individuals interested in contributing to planning efforts are welcome to join the Anniversary Planning Team, which meets weekly on Mondays at 2:00PM in the Governor's Conference Room in Capitol Hill. Contact Maxine Laszlo, CARE AmeriCorps Volunteer, at cnmicare@gmail.com for more information.

CARE is helping to build a more resilient community by facilitating coordination between network partners, business and government leaders, and community volunteers; identifying unmet needs; and delivering long-term support to those most impacted by disaster. For more information, go to www.carecnmi.org. (PR)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 47-foot proa "Chelu" was a featured exhibit in the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts on Guam.

CUC: Scheduled power interruption today

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be an emergency power interruption on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, from 9am to 1pm.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace two burnt primary power poles and deteriorated

power pole hardware along Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road in Koblerville. This is part of the System Maintenance work being performed throughout the island. CUC greatly appreciates the understanding of the community during this period.

Water services may be affected in the area during the power interruption; however, all services should be restored

after the power is re-energized.

■ Areas to be affected: Kiya 2 (1st partial): As Lito, Koblerville (Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road), Saipan International School, Mango Resort, Tottotville, and Saint Jude Church.

■ Water Wells to be affected: AS-1, AS-2, AS-5

■ Wastewater Lift Station

to be affected: W-10

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, we ask travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)

Smoke-Free Air Act training for poker, bar establishments this Friday

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Division of Public Health extends an invitation to all poker room and bar managers, or a designee, in the CNMI for an educational training on Public Law 16-46 or the Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008 and PL 19-32. The event will take place on July 15 from 9:30am to 12pm at Kanoa Resort's Latte Stone Room. Lunch will be provided.

CHCC, DPH, is tasked with the education and enforcement of Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008. Commonwealth law generally prohibits smoking (and this includes electronic cigarettes) in government buildings, public places, and places of employment. The Act also prohibits a

person who owns, operates, or manages a place of employment from allowing patrons to smoke in the establishment. Businesses where smoking is prohibited under the law must post "No Smoking" signs at every entrance, remove all ashtrays, notify and inform all existing and potential employees that smoking is prohibited, inform patrons and customers that smoking on the premises is prohibited, and refuse service to a person who does not refrain from smoking.

In an effort to raise awareness amongst the community, DPH is providing educational materials along with free "No Smoking" signs while supplies last to CNMI businesses.

Margarita Torres Aldan, the director of Public Health Services, states, "DPH looks forward to collaborating with the local business community on this education effort. We want to provide the education and support needed to ensure compliance with the law. We hope to be a resource on a smoke-free workplace to all businesses and will continue to pursue compliance with the Smoke-Free Air Act in the CNMI."

"Secondhand smoke is dangerous to anyone who breathes it in. Through mutual understanding of the Act, the Non-Communicable Disease Bureau (NCDB) wants to ensure the health and well-being of each business' employ-

ees and patrons," the Non-Communicable Disease Bureau Administrator (NCDB), Becky Robles says.

Poker room and bar management who would like to attend this event should confirm attendance by July 12 by emailing Jessica Lorfing at jlorfing@hawaii.edu or by calling the Division of Public Health at (670) 236-7827.

Individuals and businesses interested in learning more about the Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008 can visit www.reachcnmi.wix.com/reach or email the REACH Local Project Assistant, Jessica Lorfing, at jlorfing@hawaii.edu for educational materials and "No Smoking" signs. (PR)

71st Liberation Day Festivities Closing Ceremony

PHOTOS BY JON PEREZ



KKMP's Mama Lou, second left, accepts the fourth place check in behalf of the Kkosch Refaluwasch Carolinian Affairs Office during the announcement of the winners in the float parade competition.



A representative from the Papago Familiar Lancheros receives the second place check in behalf of their group.



Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion and Special Projects manager Martin Duenas, holding check, display the \$4,000 after their agency ruled the float competition.



Local and foreign tourists alike enjoyed the various cultural dances that were performed.



Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, left, gets flowers and leis from performers as an early birthday gift last Saturday at the closing ceremony of the 71st Liberation Day Festivities at the Garapan Fishing Base. Apatang celebrated his birthday the following day, Sunday.



Two representatives from United Filipino Organization, second left and second right, join, from left, Skywalker Communications Group managing director Dr. Hu Bo, Liberation Day non-profit group president Louis Rodgers, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and Royal Court Queen Christine Roque for a group photo after receiving the third place check.



Float competition chair Joe Palacios announces the winners.

Fireworks lit up the sky for 20 minutes.



A female performer gestures in one of the cultural dances that were featured last Saturday.



Polynesian dancers closed out the night's performances.

Business

Apple's Mac no longer bucking PC industry's sales slide

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—After defying industry trends in recent years, Apple is feeling the slowdown in global purchases of laptop and desktop computers.

Apple shipped 4 to 8 percent fewer Mac computers during the second quarter of 2016, compared with a year earlier, according to new estimates from two research firms—even while some of its bigger rivals managed to find growth in the PC business.

Apple enjoyed steady increases in Mac sales for most of 2014 and 2015, while the rest of the PC market was in a slump. Although the leading PC-makers sell more units, Apple's Macs tend to command both higher prices and consumer loyalty.

But Apple Inc. has been reporting a dip in Mac unit sales since the end of last year, and estimates released Monday suggest that trend is continuing. Analysts estimate Apple shipped 4.4 million to 4.6 million Macs in the quarter ending June 30.

PC sales overall have been declining for the last four years, as more consumers and businesses turn to smartphones and other gadgets.

Global PC shipments fell to 62.4 million in the last quarter, down 4.5 percent from a year earlier, according to researchers at International Data Corp. Analysts at a second firm, Gartner, estimated that drop at 5.2 percent.

Lenovo, the world's biggest PC-maker, saw shipments fall more than 2 percent around the world, to 13.2 million, despite a strong showing in the United States.

But HP, Dell and ASUS all increased their shipments during the last quarter, according to both research firms. Analysts said those companies benefited from a healthy U.S. market, consumer interest in new laptops running Google's Chrome software, and seasonal purchases by public agencies.

Microsoft's new Windows 10 software hasn't given PC sales much of a boost. Analysts say that could change in coming months, as the end of a promotional offer means consumers will no longer be able to upgrade older Windows machines for free.

Some Apple fans say an update for the popular MacBook Pro laptop is overdue, while the Cupertino, California,



AP
In this Friday, May 13, 2016 file photo, a man uses his mobile phone near an Apple store logo in Beijing, China.

company has been promoting its iPad Pro tablet, which works with a detachable keyboard. Apple enjoyed eight consecutive quarters of year-on-year Mac sales increases before posting a 4 percent drop in units sold during the last three months of 2015. That was followed by a 12 percent drop in the first quarter of this year.

Macs are a small part of Apple's overall business, however, since the company makes most of its money from iPhones. Apple will report second-quarter sales on July 26.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tesla says it hasn't been informed of SEC investigation

DETROIT (AP)—Electric car maker Tesla Motors says it hasn't been informed of a government investigation into its disclosure of a fatal crash. The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating whether Tesla should have informed investors after a fatal crash on May 7. In that crash, a Tesla Model S driven by Joshua Brown was operating in semi-autonomous Autopilot mode when it failed to see a tractor trailer passing in front of it. The car hit the truck and Brown was killed. A Tesla spokesperson said Monday that the company has not received any communication from the SEC. SEC spokeswoman Florence Harmon declined to comment.

Italian bank Unicredit launches strategic review

MILAN (AP)—Italian bank UniCredit said Monday it is launching an "in-depth strategic review" under its new CEO Jean Pierre Mustier, a move that comes at a time when the financial health of the country's banks has come under increasing investor scrutiny. Italy's largest bank by assets said in a statement that the review of all areas of the bank's operations will seek "to reinforce and optimize the group's capital position, (and) improve profitability." The moves will include further cost-cutting, optimizing capital and reducing risk, the bank said. The bank identified German subsidiary HVB, its central and eastern European operations and corporate investment bank as strategic operations, and said that the bank's "strong Italian roots make the Italian bank absolutely core to the group."

Eurozone insists bank bailout rules won't change for Italy

BRUSSELS (AP)—New rules governing the rescue of imperiled banks in the 19-country eurozone that seek to protect taxpayers won't be fudged, officials from the single currency bloc insisted Monday amid growing concern about some of Italy's lenders.

Worries over the financial health of Italy's banks have grown more acute since the June 23 referendum result in Britain and the country's premier, Matteo Renzi, is looking for a way to rescue them from a pile of bad loans that aren't being repaid.

Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the eurozone's top official, conceded that Italy's banks have problems with so-called non-

performing loans, but that dealing with them through a fudge of newly created rules was not on the cards.

"It needs to be dealt with. It will have to be dealt with gradually," he said at a meeting of the eurozone's 19 finance ministers. "There will be no big solutions ... It's not an acute crisis so that also gives us some time to sort things out."

Dijsselbloem said it's important that the eurozone respects what it's agreed "otherwise everything will be questioned in Europe, and there are a lot of questions in Europe already so we don't need any more questions."

Italian banks have been worn down by some 360 billion euros (\$400 billion)

in loans that won't be paid back in full. Italy is the eurozone's third-largest economy so any big crisis there would likely have negative effects far outweighing the impact from the repeated problems over the past few years, notably in Greece.

Many Italian banks have seen their share prices come under intense pressure. Italy's third-largest lender, Monte dei Paschi di Siena, has been ordered to sharply reduce its load of bad loans and has seen its share price slump by around a third since the British vote. And on Monday, Italy's largest bank UniCredit also said it is launching an "in-depth strategic review" under its new CEO Jean Pierre Mustier

"to reinforce and optimize the group's capital position, (and) improve profitability."

Should measures such as those announced by UniCredit not prove to be enough to assuage investors, then the Italian government may have to intervene in some form to help the banks out.

However, any rescue attempt that involves the use of public money could run into resistance from the EU, which recently introduced the new rules to avoid a repeat of some of the recent bailouts that afflicted the eurozone. During the region's debt crisis over the past few years, the parlous situation of some banks was at the root of some of the bailouts, notably Ireland in 2010.

EU says China needs to give EU companies fair market access

BEIJING (AP)—The EU trade commissioner said Monday that China has to give European companies the same kind of market access that Chinese companies enjoy in Europe before discussions can start on a bilateral free trade agreement.

Cecilia Malmstrom said market access and other issues need to be ironed out first in an investment agreement, which is currently being negotiated, to establish "a more level playing field."

In a speech at a university

in Beijing, Malmstrom said the 28-member EU supported Beijing's path toward a more market-oriented economy promised in 2013, but hadn't seen "much progress."

Recently established free-trade zones in China have made "relatively limited progress or been abandoned and there are still concerns about the enforcement of intellectual property rights, (and) discrimination against EU businesses remains a fact," she said.

She also said China had made steps backward with

laws concerning national security and nongovernmental organizations, and in the field of cybersecurity. Concerns remain "about the predictability and transparency of the legal and regulatory systems."

In the past year, Chinese authorities have launched an unprecedented crackdown on lawyers and human rights defenders, passed a law that they said would help NGOs but that subjects them to police supervision, and enacted a national security law that particularly targets online activity.

"Moving China to the next phase of development requires that rule of law be part of that," Malmstrom said. She criticized limitations on lawyers and restrictions on online freedom.

"Barriers to that, whether it's banning social platforms or by requiring storage of content locally, impinge China's economic progress as much as freedom of expression," she said.

The EU is China's biggest trading partner, and China is the EU's second-largest trading partner, after the United States.

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EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar	1.32	Hong Kong Dollar	7.76	Philippine Peso	47.39
British Pound	0.76	Indian Rupee	67.15	Singapore Dollar	1.35
Canadian Dollar	1.31	Indonesian Rupiah	13,122	South Korean Won	1,147.99
Chinese Yuan	6.69	Japanese Yen	103.32	Swiss Franc	0.98
Euro	0.90	Malaysian Ringgit	3.99	Taiwan Dollar	32.21
		New Zealand Dollar	1.37	Thailand Baht	35.15

Nation

Dallas police had taken steps to mend rift with minorities

DALLAS (AP)—When Micah Johnson opened fire on Dallas police in an act of vengeance against white officers, he was attacking a department whose chief has been lauded across the country for taking bold steps to root out bad cops and repair relations with minorities.

Police Chief David Brown, a black man who pushed through the reforms despite resistance from the rank-and-file, boasted at a news conference Monday that crime, police shootings and excessive-force complaints against the department have all dropped dramatically on his watch.

"This is the best department in the country, and I'm proud to be associated with the men and women of the Dallas Police Department," he said.

Johnson, a black Army veteran who served in Afghanistan, killed five officers in a sniper attack Thursday that he portrayed as payback for the fatal police shootings of black men last week in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and near St. Paul, Minnesota. The attack ended with Johnson blown up by a bomb delivered by a police robot.

No evidence has come to light to suggest that the 25-year-old Johnson had a grudge specifically against the 3,400-officer Dallas Police Department.

"Dallas PD is paying the price for problems elsewhere around our country," said Mohamed Elibari, a former Texas-based Department of Homeland Security adviser.



ACROSS THE NATION

Boy found in cruise ship pool dies of injuries

NEW YORK (AP)—An 8-year-old boy who fell into a pool on a cruise ship off the coast of New Jersey late last month has died of his injuries. The New York City medical examiner's office said Monday that Prince Adepoju of Maryland died of accidental drowning. Staten Island University hospital tells the Staten Island Advance (<http://bit.ly/29zO2ZZ>) that the boy died July 2. Royal Caribbean's Anthem of the Seas left New York Harbor and was heading to the Caribbean when the accident happened June 30. The Coast Guard says the boy had been in the water for eight to 10 minutes. The medical examiner also says a "seizure disorder" was a contributing condition in the boy's death. Royal Caribbean officials have issued a statement saying they're "heartbroken," and their thoughts and prayers are with the family.

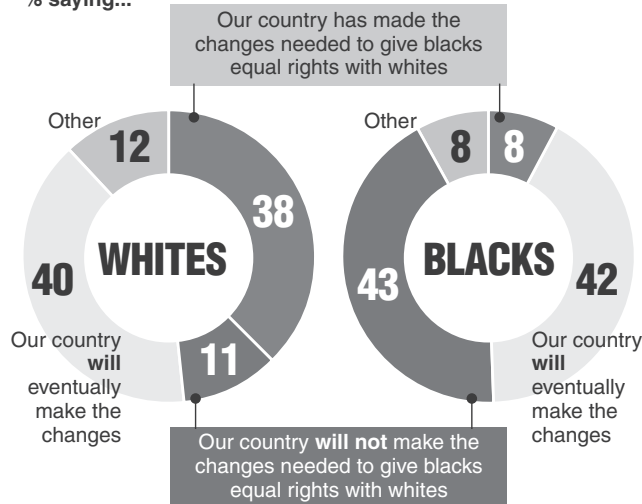
Philadelphia police probe threat against 3 police districts

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia police are investigating a threat made against three police districts in the city. The department released a statement Monday night saying police are taking the threat "seriously," and that it will be "thoroughly investigated." The department did not elaborate on the circumstances surrounding the threat, but WPVI-TV reports a person alerted an officer about a threatening message on Facebook. The message said that someone would blow up three district buildings with a bomb. Police have been on high alert since a gunman shot and killed five police officers in Dallas during a protest last week over recent fatal shootings by police.

Race and inequality

Many black Americans are skeptical that the country will eventually make changes necessary for racial equality.

% saying...



Source: Pew Research Center
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Carlyle Holder, president of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, had been holding up the Dallas Police Department as an example of a law enforcement agency effectively addressing the problem of racial disparities in police work.

"That's what made the killing of those officers so much harder to take," he said.

Brown became chief in 2010, taking over a department that a generation ago had one of the highest rates of civilian shootings in the country. In 2012, his efforts to heal the rift between police and the black community took on greater urgency when the killing of a black man by a white officer triggered widespread protests.

The chief responded by creating a public database to track shootings by police,

requiring officers to undergo lethal-force training every two months instead of every two years, and firing 70 officers involved in questionable incidents, including some who faced charges of excessive use of force.

The biggest backlash has come in the last six months, when Brown started a community policing program in mostly Hispanic and black neighborhoods. He began reassigning officers from desk



In this Sunday, July 10, 2016 photo, Dallas Police Sgt. A.P. Martin talks with a child while performing community patrol in the Cielo Ranch apartments in southwest Dallas.

jobs to foot patrols, a move that was praised by criminal justice experts but angered the police unions, who demanded his resignation.

"We need more boots on the ground, absolutely," said Mike Mata, vice president of

the Dallas Police Association. "The problem is he was reassigning detectives from the office to back on the streets without any retraining. It's almost like you set them up for failure."

The dispute further strained

Watchdogs: US police shootings fueling black extremism

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—The public backlash against police shootings of black people is helping fuel the growth of black hate groups, some of which advocate retaliatory violence against law enforcement, watchdog groups said Monday.

The Southern Poverty Law Center counted 113 groups advocating black separatism, black supremacy or some other extreme, black-centric ideology in the United States in 2014. By the end of 2015, in the aftermath of last year's killing of a black man by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri,

the number had grown to 180, an increase of nearly 60 percent in less than a year.

The center says the number of Ku Klux Klan groups grew even more during the same period, but experts say much of that change was linked to the splintering of larger groups rather than real growth.

No one knows exactly how many people have been drawn to black extremist groups, but there's no reason to believe the growth of violent ideology is slowing. Last week's protests of police shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota have only spread since a black sniper

killed five police officers at a demonstration in Dallas.

"It draws people to their ranks, people who are mad about what is going on with law enforcement," said Heidi Beirich, director of the Alabama-based center's Intelligence Project, which tracks extremist organizations.

People who join such organizations might not pose the biggest threat anyway, said Oren Segal of the Anti-Defamation League. He agrees that killings by police and the ensuing protests provide fuel for black extremist groups, but believes exact numbers are

hard to pin down.

"The most dangerous are those who don't join anything, who get inspired by the militancy or hate, who get influenced by the rhetoric, and act on their own," said Segal, who directs the ADL's Center on Extremism.

Dallas gunman Micah Xavier Johnson apparently fell into this category: The 25-year-old Army veteran wasn't known to be an active member of any group, but he was on Facebook, and followed the feeds of the New Black Panther Party and the Black Riders Liberation Party.

Suspect in San Diego homeless killings is freed, no charges

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A homeless man who police had identified as the sole suspect in a spate of attacks on transients that left three dead was released from jail Monday and not charged with any crimes, keeping alive the search for an attacker who strikes victims when they are sleeping alone and sometimes sets them on fire.

Anthony Padgett, 36, was arrested Thursday near a trolley stop in the suburb of Chula Vista on suspicion of murder, attempted murder and arson. He was accused of attacking

four homeless men over four days last week, including two who were set on fire. Police said at least three victims were sleeping alone.

Police said Monday that there wasn't enough evidence to prosecute. Capt. David Nisleit defended the arrest, saying Padgett strongly resembled a man in convenience store surveillance video who police still believe is responsible for all four attacks.

Police also considered Padgett's 2010 conviction for lighting a sleeping homeless

man on fire in National City, a San Diego suburb.

"I could not risk not taking him into custody and leaving him out in the community," Nisleit said Monday at a news conference. "God forbid he murders another person. This was done with the utmost priority on keeping the public safe, and I believe it was the right decision."

Nisleit said he didn't feel confident after reviewing evidence in the following days and consulted with San Diego County District Attorney Bon-

nie Dumanis before freeing Padgett, a Chula Vista native. He stopped short of clearing Padgett but said nothing to suggest that he was a suspect and instead renewed pleas for the public to view the surveillance video and report any suspicions.

"At this point in the investigation, we have exhausted all of the evidence ... With that said, in an hour or tomorrow, we could get new evidence that might point the finger back to Padgett or to someone new," Nisleit said.

Asia

China intensifies opposition ahead of S. China Sea ruling

BEIJING (AP)—China has intensified the drumbeat of its opposition to an international tribunal's ruling expected Tuesday that could threaten its expansive claims in the South China Sea.

How Beijing responds to the ruling in the case filed by U.S. ally the Philippines could chart the course of global power relations in an increasingly dangerous hotspot. It comes as the U.S. has ramped up its military presence in the region and could seek to marshal world opinion to pressure Beijing into complying with the verdict. A new Philippine leader who appears friendlier to Beijing could also influence the aftermath of the ruling.

The Hague-based tribunal

will decide on the 2013 case that challenges the so-called nine-dash line that China uses to claim virtually the entire South China Sea and which Manila opposes because it infringes upon its own 200-mile exclusive economic zone. The dispute centers on waters through which an estimated \$5 trillion in global trade passes through each year and are home to rich fishing stocks and a potential wealth of oil, gas and other resources.

The Philippines has also asked the tribunal to rule on whether several disputed areas are outcrops, reefs or islands, a move aimed at clarifying the extent of territorial waters they are entitled to or if they can project exclusive economic

zones.

More than merely about the sovereignty over the rocks and reefs or the actual waters, the South China Sea dispute has become a testing ground for a rising China to challenge the U.S.'s leadership in the Asian strategic order, analysts say.

Beijing wants to use this dispute to show how "China's own growing maritime power and its economic significance to the United States and the global economy have reached the point where the United States can no longer afford to stand up to China," said Hugh White, professor of strategic studies at The Australian National University. "That calculation might prove to be wrong."

PH troops kill 40 Abu Sayyaf extremists in south

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops have killed 40 Abu Sayyaf extremists and wounded 25 others in two battlefronts in the first major counterterrorism offensive in the south under the new president, the military said Monday.

Regional military spokesman Maj. Filemon Tan said 22 militants had been killed and 16 others wounded in the assaults that started last week in the jungles of Sulu, a predominantly Muslim province where the ransom-seeking militants are also believed to be holding a number of foreign hostages.

One soldier had been killed in the fighting in impoverished Sulu, about 590 miles (950 kilometers) south of Manila, he said.

On the nearby island province of Basilan, 18 Abu Sayyaf fighters had been killed and nine others wounded in a simultaneous offensive centering in the town of Tipo Tipo, according to Tan.

The thousands of troops waging the assaults were backed by rocket-firing helicopters and artillery fire.

President Rodrigo Duterte, who started his six-year term on June 30, has warned the Abu Sayyaf to stop a wave of ransom kidnappings, saying he would eventually confront them. His military chief said last week a looming offensive would "shock and awe" the extremists.

While past presidents have regarded Abu Sayyaf militants

as bandits thriving on kidnappings for ransom and extortion, Duterte said last week he would not lump them with criminals. "These were the guys who were driven to desperation," he said.

The militants, however, have shown no sign of heeding Duterte's call to stop kidnappings, which he said has sullied the country's image.

Indonesian officials said Monday that suspected Abu Sayyaf gunmen kidnapped three Indonesian fishermen over the weekend off Lahad Datu in the Malaysian part of northern Borneo, the latest among several offshore attacks that have sparked a regional security alarm.

Survey: Indian firms best, China worst on transparency

HONG KONG (AP)—India has the most transparent companies while Chinese firms are the most opaque, according to a global watchdog's survey released Monday that assesses the efforts of companies in emerging markets to fight corruption.

Transparency International said the report's findings were "pathetic" and highlighted the urgent need for big multinational companies to do more to fight corruption.

The report covered 100 companies in 15 emerging-market countries that also included Brazil, Mexico and Russia. The overall score slipped since the last Transparency International Corporate Reporting survey in 2013, falling a fraction to 3.4 out of 10, with three quarters of companies scoring less than half.

The Berlin-based watchdog

warned that the failure of a vast majority of companies surveyed to operate transparently risks creating an environment for corruption to thrive both in their businesses and the countries where they operate.

The weak scores are a big concern for global corruption fighting efforts, said Susan Cote-Freeman, Transparency's head of business integrity. "All these companies including the Chinese ones are expanding in other geographies and they really have to raise the bar on their anticorruption and disclosure practices if we're going to have a level playing field and if we're going to really tackle this problem of corruption."

Companies were scored on three measures: anticorruption programs, the amount of information disclosed about subsid-

ies, joint ventures and other holdings, and financial data released for operations in each country where it has business.

Thirty-seven Chinese companies were evaluated, making them the survey's biggest group, but they had the weakest overall performance. The three companies that scored zero out of 10 were all Chinese: automaker Chery, appliance maker Galanz and auto parts maker Wanxiang Group. The list's bottom 25 spots were also dominated by Chinese companies.

"The very weak Chinese results stem from weak or non-existent anticorruption policies and procedures, or a clear failure to disclose them in line with international practice," Transparency International said in a news release accompanying its report.

World

Cameron to quit Wednesday; May to be new British PM

LONDON (AP)—A political era ended Monday—unexpectedly and without an election—as Prime Minister David Cameron said he will step down in two days in favor of Theresa May, a senior member of his Cabinet who will become Britain's second female leader.

Cameron announced his resignation last month because he backed the losing side in a referendum for Britain to leave the European Union. So did May—but infighting, bad timing and cold feet among leaders of the victorious "leave" campaign means that she will have the task of leading a divided country out of the EU.

The latest chapter in the political turmoil spawned by the EU vote moved with breathtaking speed.

On Monday morning, there were two candidates to lead the governing Conservative Party. At noon, Andrea Leadsom stepped down, making May leader-in-waiting. By late afternoon, Cameron had



Britain's Theresa May, left, is applauded by Conservative Party members of parliament outside the Houses of Parliament in London, Monday July 11, 2016.

announced that May would be moving into 10 Downing Street within 48 hours.

"We will have a new prime minister in that building behind me by Wednesday evening," Cameron said in a brief statement outside the leader's official London residence.

Cameron, who has governed since May 2010, said he would offer his resignation to Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace on

Wednesday after attending a final session of Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons. The monarch will then invite May—as leader of a party with a majority in Parliament—to lead a new government.

Speaking outside Parliament surrounded by Conservative colleagues, May said she was "honored and humbled" to have been chosen the party's new leader.

Survey: Europeans worry migrants may increase terror threat

BERLIN (AP)—The refugee crisis and the threat of terrorism in Europe are very much related to one another in the minds of many Europeans, according to a survey conducted across the continent.

Monday's poll by the Pew Research Center found that in eight of the ten European nations surveyed, half or more believe that the influx of migrants increases the likelihood of terrorism in their country. Many Europeans also worry that migrants will become an economic

burden and take away their jobs and social benefits.

The survey covered the European countries of Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, Britain, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Hungary and Poland. It was conducted from April to May—before the British referendum to leave the European Union and the extremist attack at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport last month.

The continent saw an overwhelming influx of more than one million migrants in 2015—with the

majority arriving from Muslim countries such as Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. Almost all of them applied for asylum in the EU with Germany and Sweden as their top destinations.

Meanwhile, populist parties all over the continent successfully increased their numbers by campaigning against Muslim migrants, including the National Front in France, the UK Independence Party, the right-wing Alternative for Germany and Austria's Freedom Party.

Israel puts Palestinians on defensive over 'martyrs' fund

BANI NAIM, West Bank (AP)—The family of a Palestinian high school dropout who killed a 13-year-old Jewish settler girl in her sleep last month before being shot dead is now eligible for \$350 a month from a Palestinian fund for "martyrs."

Israel argues that such stipends for families of Palestinians killed or wounded in the conflict promote violence by rewarding attacks, and has stepped up a campaign against the fund after a series of killings of West Bank settlers.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the payments "an incentive for

murder," and a government spokesman said that starting next month, Israel would deduct those sums from monthly transfers of taxes and customs it collects on behalf of the Palestinians.

Palestinians scoff at the idea that money, along with alleged anti-Israel incitement, is a key motive for a nearly year-long rash of stabbing, shooting and vehicular attacks on Israelis. They say attackers are driven by despair over the chokehold of half a century of Israeli occupation or a desire to avenge others killed by Israeli troops or armed civilians.

"I don't think anyone is

willing to sacrifice his life for money. And for us as a family, all the money in the world won't replace my son," said Nasser Tarayreh, a well-to-do merchant from the West Bank town of Bani Naim whose 17-year-old son Mohammed killed a sleeping Israeli girl in the Kiryat Arba settlement on June 30.

The elder Tarayreh said that rather than profiting from the attack, as Israel claims, the family will pay dearly. It has received a notice ordering the demolition of its two-story villa. Such demolitions of family homes are standard Israeli retribution for attacks.

Focus

Life on the line in Venezuela as economic crisis worsens

By HANNAH DREIER
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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—The people waiting for hours in front of the drugstore were dazed with heat and boredom when the gunmen arrived.

The robbers demanded a cellphone from a 25-year-old in black shorts. Instead of handing it over, Junior Perez took off toward the entrance to the pharmacy. Eight shots rang out, and he fell face down.

The dozens of shoppers in line were unmoved. They held their places as the gunmen went through Perez's pockets. They watched as thick ribbons of blood ran from the young man's head into the grooves of the tiled walkway. And when their turns came, each bought the two tubes of rationed toothpaste they were allowed.

"These days, you have to put the line above everything," said pharmacist Haide Mendoza, who was there that morning. "You make sure you get what you need, and you don't feel sorry for anyone."

As Venezuela's lines have grown longer and more dangerous, they have become not only the stage for everyday life, but a backdrop to death. More than two dozen people have been killed in line in the past 12 months, including a 4-year-old girl caught in gang crossfire. An 80-year-old woman was crushed to death when an orderly line of shoppers suddenly turned into a mob of looters—an increasingly common occurrence as Venezuela runs out of just about everything.

The extent of the country's economic collapse can be measured in the length of the lines snaking through every neighborhood. The average Venezuelan shopper spends 35 hours waiting to buy food each month. That's three times more than in 2014, according to the polling firm Datanalysis.

"As the economy breaks down, life is telescoping to be just lines," said Datanalysis president Luis Vicente Leon. "You have masses of people in the streets competing for scarce goods. You're inevitably going to get conflict, fights, tricks, you name it."

Venezuela's vast oil wealth once fueled a bustling economy. But years of mismanagement under a socialist government ground much of the nation's production to a halt, and the country grew ever more dependent on imports.

The supply chain broke



In this Monday, July 4, 2016 photo, people wait in line to buy food outside a supermarket in Caracas, Venezuela. The extent of the country's economic collapse can be measured in the length of the lines snaking through every neighborhood.

down—first slowly, then all at once, as a steep drop in the price of oil left no money to pay for even some of the most basic necessities.

Shortages now top voters' lists of concerns, surpassing even safety. That's stunning in a country with one of the world's highest homicide rates.

Desperation fuels the violence. Medical student Maria Sanchez looked as timid and absent as anyone else in a Caracas line for flour, but when a woman tried to cut in front of her and her mother, she threw the first punches. She didn't let up until the would-be intruder limped away. Sanchez passed the rest of the wait with her lips pressed together, her mother quietly weeping.

"You have to go out with your batteries fully charged or people take advantage," Sanchez said. "Need has an ugly dog's face."

The need is everywhere.

On Wednesdays, residents of one of Caracas' wealthiest neighborhoods line up with empty five-gallon jugs, hoping to catch a truck that comes through weekly with potable water. Poorer people wait at the foot of the green mountain that towers over the city, competing to siphon water from its springs.

On Fridays, bank lines grow long because ATM limits capped at \$8 daily have not kept up with the world's highest inflation, and the machines are not restocked on Saturdays or Sundays. Venezuelans now mostly avoid using cash, and

even sidewalk orange juice peddlers have acquired credit card machines.

On Mondays and Tuesdays, the lines outside immigration offices spill down the street as if people suddenly decided over the weekend that they could not handle one more week standing around while life passes them by.

Each night, men push broken-down gas guzzlers along a river to line up at a warehouse that sells car batteries, but always runs out of stock by mid-morning.

All Venezuelans, including children, are assigned two shopping days a week based on their state ID number. They line up before supermarkets open, guided by rumors and where they've had luck in the past. Some use fake IDs to score extra shopping days. Pregnant women and the elderly get their own priority lines, and everyone is limited to two units of whatever is on offer.

The longest lines are for what is in the shortest supply: food.

Nine out of 10 people say they can't buy enough to eat, according to a study by Simon Bolivar University. Prices have been driven impossibly high by scarcity, hoarding and black market resellers.

Venezuelans line up again and again for subsidized goods, not always knowing what they'll get when they finally reach the front. When supply trucks arrive, workers throw open the doors, game-show style, to reveal whether

shoppers will be taking home precious pantry staples, or a booby prize like dog food.

Sometimes the disappointment is too much to bear. Hundreds of people stormed a market in Caracas last month after the food truck they spent hours waiting for was diverted. "We're starving," they cried as shopkeepers lowered metal gates over their doors and windows.

Queues thousands of people long are targets for muggers, who will sometimes work their way down person by person. Soldiers armed with tear gas and assault rifles often stand guard over supermarkets and supply trucks to maintain order. But the National Guard has killed three people and arrested hundreds this summer while trying to control nationwide food riots.

A few blocks away from where Perez died in the toothpaste line, shoppers waiting to buy groceries watched a mob set fire to an accused thief. After the man was taken away in an ambulance, some of his assailants got in line to do their shopping.

Although the threat of violence hovers in the air, the line also is a place of ordinary and sometimes extraordinary life.

Merlis Moreno gave birth to a baby girl this spring while waiting to buy chicken in the oven-hot plains town of El Tigre. The skinny 21-year-old suspected she might be having contractions as she applied her heavy blue eye

shadow and boarded the pre-dawn bus. Still, she said, she had no choice but to go. She was out of food. She delivered her daughter with the help of a supermarket janitor, and used a dusty sheet from the backroom as a swaddling blanket.

On hour eight of a Caracas line for toilet paper, sweaty strangers sang nursery rhymes and cheered as they watched a 1-year-old learn to walk.

Kids do homework on the curb. Some young men use the empty hours to meet women and score phone numbers. More often, though, love stories end in line.

Sasha Ramos broke up with her boyfriend of five years amid a spat over a blocks-long line for razors. He'd spent the morning complaining that they were hardly moving, which only underlined that he never helped with the shopping. They argued and he stormed away, leaving her staring at the ground next to strangers who had heard it all.

"He was so inconsiderate," Ramos said. "I'd even forgiven him for cheating. These lines are not good for love."

For older shoppers, standing in the heat can be too much to bear.

Irama Carrero had been staring blankly ahead for hours in a grocery line for the elderly in an upscale Caracas neighborhood this May when her gaze suddenly became more fixed. She tilted backward. No one broke her fall and her head smacked the concrete. She

came to and started vomiting.

While most in line stayed put, a young man volunteered to take her to the emergency room. On the taxi ride over, Carrero said she hadn't eaten since the day before.

"There's no retiring from this," she said, leaning back and closing her eyes.

The lines are driven by scarcity and poverty, but they also reflect how much people have given up on traditional employment. With the minimum wage at less than \$15 a month and inflation running well into triple digits, it barely pays to go to work. It makes more economic sense to fill one's pantry, and then sell or barter anything not vitally needed.

So fields lie fallow while farmers spend their days waiting to buy imported goods. Teachers unapologetically walk out of classrooms to search for food they can eat or resell. Government offices close in the early afternoon because officials need to go shopping, too.

"Most of these people make more money doing this than their other jobs," said David Smilde, a Venezuela expert at the Washington Office on Latin America.

The most enterprising have turned the line itself into a business. Former housewife Maria Luz Marciano rents plastic stools and charged-up cellphones, and also checks bags at an improvised line concierge stand. She makes half a month's minimum wage in a day.

"I'm making all this cash. I love being an independent businesswoman," she said, grinning opposite her grim-faced customers.

The bleakest lines are at the Caracas morgue, overlooking the city. While the other lines are about shortages, this one stems from an excess of death.

When Perez's body arrived at the morgue in mid-April, families were waiting days to collect their loved ones. The morgue handled 400 bodies that month from homicide cases alone. That's normal for Caracas, but it's more than the annual number of homicides in New York or Los Angeles.

As they pass the hours outside the morgue, red-eyed relatives cover their noses with handkerchiefs to blunt the acrid stench. The cooling system has broken down and embalming chemicals have run out.

Then it's off to the city cemetery.

The wait to be buried there: Three days.

Good Housekeeping

DIGGIN' IN:

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Legos exhibit connects with nature at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

The big bumblebee weighs 60 pounds. The dramatic dragonfly features a 3 1/2-foot wingspan. A regal red rose stands seven feet tall.

They and 24 more eye-catching sculptures are a child's dream come true because all are made with Lego Bricks and on display at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Va., now through Sept. 18. The exhibit's centerpiece sculpture is an Eastern tiger swallowtail, built from 37,000 Lego pieces, that highlights the habitat of Virginia's state insect.

Besides giving you many feel-good moments, each sculpture offers visitors a message about plants that thrive in the garden and can be grown at home. Here, Lewis Ginter gardeners share their favorites.

"In celebration of the exhibit, the horticulturists chose flowers in bright primary hues," says Beth Monroe, garden spokeswoman.

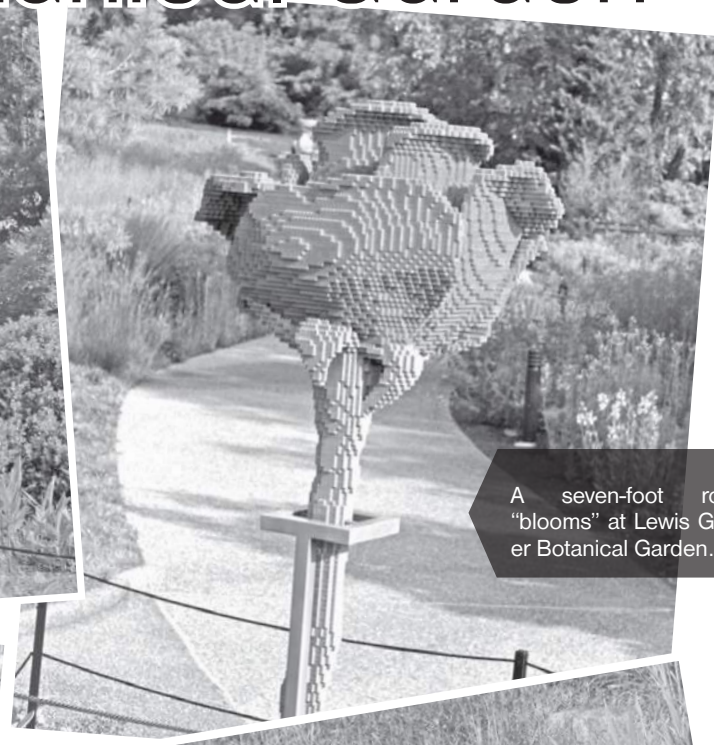
"They also created a design using blocks of color. The effect is a fun, vibrant display. It's also an approach that can be used in a home landscape or containers for great impact."

Given the summer display beds' location as a focal point in front of the Conservatory, the plants chosen like full sun, require relatively low maintenance and are attractive to pollinators, adds Monroe.

"The horticulture staff has used some new and/or interesting varieties of familiar favorites such as marigolds and zinnias. The displays also take advantage of foliage color — for instance, *Solenostemon scutellarioides* Oxblood—to maximize color all season long.



TNS
It took 37,000 Lego pieces to create an Eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.



TNS
A seven-foot rose "blooms" at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.



TNS
Lego goldfinches "feed" at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.



TNS
A giant dragonfly hovers over a water feature at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Asked about the need to deadhead marigolds and zinnias, Horticulture Director George Cowart says it is up to personal preference. Marigolds and zinnias tend to grow and re-bloom fast enough that they don't get very shabby, he explains. He does, however, recommend not planting them

too close together, because there is a tendency for powdery mildew issues if there are moist conditions and poor air flow.

Ageratum houstonianum High Tide Blue

■ Also known as "floss flower," this annual features fluffy flowers in flat to slightly rounded clusters. The plants grow from 4 inches to 18 inches tall.

■ Prefers full sun, well-drained soils and consistent moisture. Will wilt quickly if soils dry out.

■ Excellent as a bedding plant and in containers.

Canna Cannora Yellow

■ Canna lilies are large tropical plants that are usually perennials in Hampton Roads.

■ They produce flowers spikes that look almost like gladiolus flowers and have large paddle-shaped leaves. They can grow in height from 1/2 to 8 feet.

■ Cannas do best in moist, rich, well-drained soils in full sun.

Zinnia marylandica Double Zahara Fire

■ Zinnia variety developed for mass landscape plantings; likes full sun and warm weather.

■ Resistant to mildew and leaf spot. Spacing the plants 12 to 18 inches apart will also help alleviate mildew issues.

■ The double-crowned flowers are good for cutting and drying. Excellent in borders and containers.

Gazania New Day White

■ Also known as "treasure flower," this native to South Africa produces large daisy-like blooms.

■ Grow in well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerates some soil dryness, but prefers consistent moisture.

■ Deadheading spent flowers encourages more blooms; grows six inches to one foot tall.

Marigold Marvel Yellow

■ Called African marigold, although it is native to Mexico and Central America.

■ Known for its large flower heads, ranging from two to four inches in diameter; grows to be one to four feet tall.

■ Annual that's easily grown in well-drained soils in full sun.

Marigold Bonanza Deep Orange

■ Also known as French

marigold.

■ Easily grown in well-drained soils in full sun.

Forms mounds that are often wider than they are tall. A compact annual that grows six to 12 inches tall with flowers that are one to two inches in diameter.

Gomphrena haageana Qis Series Red

■ Also known as "button flower," gomphrena makes an excellent dried flower that retains color well.

■ Heat tolerant; grows two to 2 1/2 feet tall.

■ True flowers are insignificant and are only visible close-up; instead, bright orange, clover-like bracts catch the eye.

Salvia splendens Van Houtti

■ Also known as scarlet sage, this native of Brazil features long-tubed, bright-red flowers.

■ Grows from one to two feet tall on square, upright stems.

■ Likes moist, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade.

Salvia Black and Bloom

■ Cultivar is an improved, earlier-blooming version of

Salvia Black and Blue.

■ Great choice for middle to back of borders.

■ Has a compact habit, tolerates heat and prefers full sun to part shade.

Reuellia brittoniana

■ Also known as Mexican petunia, this plant is grown as an annual.

■ Grows to three-foot-tall with black stems, and bears petunia-like flowers in colors ranging from blue to purple. Each flower lasts just one day.

■ Can be used in a border or a container in full sun to part shade, prefers medium to moist soil.

Solenostemon scutellarioides Oxblood

■ Also known as coleus, these tender tropicals are grown as annuals in Hampton Roads. This variety grows in height from 15 inches to 24 inches.

—Oxblood likes full to partial sun and moist, well-drained soil. Leaf color intensifies with sun exposure.

—Spikes of lavender-blue flowers may appear; pinch to remove and encourage branching.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING ONE

Apple-Brie Pizza

You're gonna love this easy French-style pizza packed with brie, caramelized onions and apple slices.

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 large sweet onions, thinly sliced

1 recipe Easy Homemade Dough, or 1 1/2-pound ball pizzeria dough

1 small Gala or Empire apple, thinly sliced

4 ounces Brie, thinly sliced

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

Fresh basil leaves, for garnish

1. In a 12-inch skillet, heat oil on medium. Add onion and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cover and cook 15 minutes

or until golden brown and almost tender, stirring occasionally.

2. Heat oven to 475 F. Spread onions on pizza dough. Bake 15 minutes. Top with apple and Brie. Bake 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon pepper and drizzle with vinegar. Garnish with basil.

* Each serving: About 405 calories, 18g fat (4g saturated), 10g protein, 52g carbs, 3g fiber, 530mg sodium.

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Life & Style

Box Office Top 20: 'Pets' kicks 'Dory' out of top spot

LOS ANGELES (AP)—After a three-week run at the top of the box office, “Finding Dory” finally found some worthy competition in “The Secret Life of Pets,” another animated family film with an animal focus that opened this weekend and collected \$104.4 million.

The film featuring the voices of Kevin Hart and Louis C.K. cost only \$75 million to make and easily took first place.

“The Legend of Tarzan” placed second in its second weekend in theaters with \$21 million, bringing its gross to \$81.8 million. “Finding Dory” sank to third place with \$20.8 million.

The weekend’s other opener, the raunchy comedy “Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates” earned \$16.6 million against a \$33 million budget to take fourth place.

“The Purge: Election Year” rounded out the top five with \$12.4 million in its second week.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by comScore:

1 “The Secret Life Of Pets,” Universal, \$104,352,905, 4,370 locations, \$23,879 average,



In this image released by Universal Pictures, Chloe, voiced by Lake Bell, from left, Max, voiced by Louis C.K., and Mel, voiced by Bobby Moynihan, appear in a scene from, “The Secret Lives of Pets.”

\$104,352,905, 1 week.

2 “The Legend Of Tarzan,” Warner Bros., \$21,006,462, 3,591 locations, \$5,850 average, \$81,804,174, 2 weeks.

3 “Finding Dory,” Disney, \$20,817,949, 3,871 locations, \$5,378 average, \$423,047,192, 4 weeks.

4 “Mike And Dave Need Wedding Dates,” 20th Century Fox, \$16,628,170, 2,982 locations, \$5,576

average, \$16,628,170, 1 week.

5 “The Purge: Election Year,” Universal, \$12,388,445, 2,821 locations, \$4,392 average, \$58,798,720, 2 weeks.

6 “Central Intelligence,” Warner Bros., \$8,031,386, 2,841 locations, \$2,827 average, \$108,231,724, 4 weeks.

7 “The BFG,” Disney, \$7,809,384, 3,392 locations, \$2,302 average, \$38,944,146, 2 weeks.

8 “Independence Day: Resurgence,” 20th Century Fox, \$7,779,531, 3,061 locations, \$2,541 average, \$91,575,113, 3 weeks.

9 “The Shallows,” Sony, \$4,804,345, 2,406 locations, \$1,997 average, \$45,829,624, 3 weeks.

10 “Sultan,” Yash Raj Films, \$2,370,244, 283 locations, \$8,375 average, \$3,382,329, 1 week.

11 “The Conjuring 2,” Warner Bros., \$1,711,805, 1,052 loca-

tions, \$1,627 average, \$99,340,137, 5 weeks.

12 “Free State Of Jones,” STX Entertainment, \$1,350,103, 1,264 locations, \$1,068 average, \$19,286,811, 3 weeks.

13 “Now You See Me 2,” Lionsgate, \$1,320,430, 864 locations, \$1,528 average, \$62,149,643, 5 weeks.

14 “Our Kind Of Traitor,” Roadside Attractions, \$711,390, 399 locations, \$1,783 average, \$2,224,526, 2 weeks.

15 “Swiss Army Man,” A24, \$675,012, 600 locations, \$1,125 average, \$3,114,213, 3 weeks.

16 “Warcraft,” Universal, \$443,340,228 locations, \$1,944 average, \$46,557,475, 5 weeks.

17 “Me Before You,” Warner Bros., \$416,197, 318 locations, \$1,309 average, \$54,802,331, 6 weeks.

18 “X-Men: Apocalypse,” 20th Century Fox, \$410,257, 288 locations, \$1,425 average, \$154,499,734, 7 weeks.

19 “Hunt For The Wilderpeople,” The Orchard, \$387,110, 72 locations, \$5,377 average, \$728,749, 3 weeks.

20 “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out Of The Shadows,” Paramount, \$320,880, 293 locations, \$1,095 average, \$80,404,681, 6 weeks.

Review: ‘Ghostbusters’ takes aim at misogyny and scores

By JAKE COYLE
AP FILM WRITER

The easy, electric chemistry of the four leads in Paul Feig’s “Ghostbusters” acts like a firewall against the supernatural and the adolescent, alike, in this spirited reboot of the 1984 original.

Ghouls and anonymous Internet commentators—who have flocked to their thumbs-down buttons ahead of the film’s release—share plenty of characteristics. Each is likely to drool and quickly disappear when you turn on the lights. Feig’s “Ghostbusters” ain’t afraid of either.

Why should he be, anyway? In his corner he has the best comic actor of the decade, Melissa McCarthy, the klutzy wit of Kristen Wiig, “Saturday Night Live” standout Kate McKinnon and the big-screen breakthrough of Leslie Jones, the film’s secret weapon.

His “Ghostbusters” makes some winks to the uproar that preceded his gender-swapping film, but it mostly steers straight ahead, too busy being funny to worry much about misogynist detractors. It does, however, pay a lot—too much—attention to pla-



This image released by Sony Pictures shows, from left, Melissa McCarthy, Kate McKinnon, Kristen Wiig and Leslie Jones in a scene from “Ghostbusters,” opening nationwide on July 15.

cating “Ghostbusters” fans with the familiar showdowns and iconography of the original two films.

I was proudly raised on Bill Murray comedies, but the preciousness many have over a “Ghostbusters” remake is nevertheless mystifying. This isn’t “Stripes” we’re talking about here. It’s not even “Meatballs.” Ivan Reitman’s “Ghostbusters”—equal parts spec-

tacle and deadpan, inspired by “Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein”—was good, all right, but it wasn’t some sanctified ground never to be trod on again. It already spawned a mediocre sequel, after all.

Here, the iconic ambulance has been traded for a borrowed hearse and cameos from original stars (excepting Harold Ramis, who died in 2014)

have been awkwardly forced in. The team, once assembled, is astonished at the sky-high rent required for the original’s firehouse and instead relocates to a Chinatown office above a takeout joint. (The film’s New York overall is refreshingly authentic.)

After an early ghost sighting (featuring an excellent Zach Woods) and the familiar synths of Ray Parker Jr.’s

theme, screenwriters Feig and Katie Dippold bring the four-some together.

Wiig is a physics professor trying to make tenure at Columbia but she’s disgraced by her latent belief in the paranormal. Her old friend, Abby (McCarthy, reliably solid if somewhat restrained), has stayed on the case, though, with her eccentric gizmo-making sidekick, Jillian (McKinnon). The bug-eyed, fizzy-haired McKinnon is like a blow torch of steampunk fire to the movie.

Jones, who plays a subway worker, might have been expected to be the broadest performer of the bunch, given the knockout punch of her “SNL” appearances, but her character is impressively grounded. She’s the best of the quartet, though Feig doesn’t give her enough to do later in the film.

Murray, Ramis, et al excelled at finding laughs when nothing was happening, without seeming to be trying at all. Feig’s film never has that anything-can-happen feeling, and it suffers for it. I wish he had let his talented cast truly loose.

Big-budget special effects are the enemy of comedy: they suck the air out. In a sense, this

“Ghostbusters,” which swells to a bloated CGI finale in Times Square, has overpowered one Hollywood specter—sexism—only to be stifled by another: the all-powerful force of franchise-making.

Still, the freewheeling and funny solidarity of the four leads win out in the end, even if Feig shows more timidity than he did in “Bridesmaids,” “The Heat” or “Spy.” Chris Hemsworth, playing a ditzy secretary, is one of the most clever stereotype reversals: He’s the office eye candy.

It feels a little like this “Ghostbusters” was a cultural test that we (not the movie) have already failed. Feig’s film may be a feminist milestone: a big ol’ popcorn movie taken over by women (something that should have happened long ago and engendered far less vitriol). But it’s also simply a breezy good time, one that just happens to culminate with four very funny ladies shooting a monster in the balls.

“Ghostbusters,” a Columbia Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for “supernatural action and some crude humor.” Running time: 116 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Laila Ali welcomes tribute to dad at Humanitarian Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Laila Ali returns as host of the Sports Humanitarian of the Year awards, which plan to honor her father Muhammad Ali in a tribute she eagerly awaits.

The show on Tuesday at the Conga Room in downtown Los Angeles features awards for individual, team, league and corporate humanitarians.

Ali's father died in June at age 74 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. The worldwide tributes were appreciated by his daughter, a former pro boxer herself who retired undefeated.

"I'm happy that my father is no longer suffering. Moving on is sort of a celebration to me. I hope people never forget," she said recently.

"There's a new generation of kids that maybe haven't heard. I invite people to learn about him and be inspired by him."

Ali is using the show as a teaching moment for her own kids, 7-year-old Curtis Jr. and 5-year-old Sydney. She is married to former USC and NFL star Curtis Conway.

"They can watch the show and watch all the winners on the stage, so when they see Chris Paul or Brent Burns or Tina Charles, I can say, 'Look what they do when they're off the court,'" she said. "They're never too young to start learning. I learned that through my father, not only him telling me but showing me."

Burns of the San Jose Sharks, Charles of the New York Liberty, Carlos Dunlap of the Cincinnati Bengals and Paul of the Los Angeles Clippers are finalists for sports humanitarian of the year.



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Laila Ali speaks during a tribute to her late father, Muhammad Ali, at the BET Awards at the Microsoft Theater on Sunday, June 26, 2016, in Los Angeles.

The team finalists are the Detroit Pistons, LA Galaxy, San Francisco 49ers and San Francisco Giants.

Tennis great Billie Jean King, New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and the 2015 Missouri football team will be recognized as Stuart Scott Enspire Award winners, named for the late ESPN "SportsCenter" anchor. Net proceeds of the event benefit the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund at The V Foundation.

ESPN will grant nearly \$800,000 to the charities of the nominees and winners.

Highlights of the show air July 15 on ESPN.

Cosby switching lawyers in civil cases around country

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Bill Cosby has replaced the law firm overseeing civil litigation around the country linked to accusations he drugged and molested women.

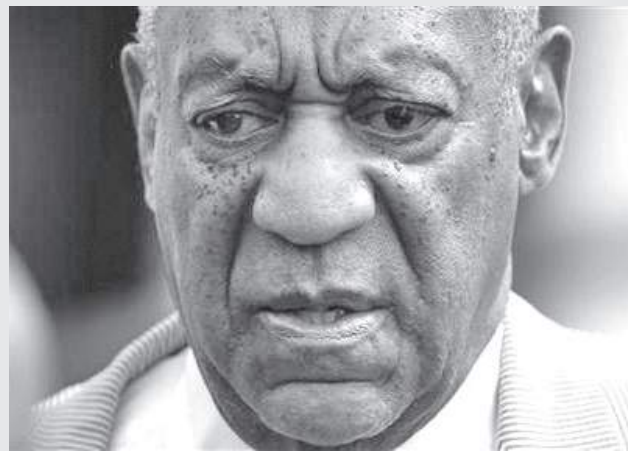
Liner LLP, known for its work in entertainment law, is replacing lawyers with the powerhouse litigation firm Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt confirmed Monday. Both firms are based in Los Angeles.

Litigation department chairwoman Angela Agrusa will now represent Cosby in the defamation and sex-assault lawsuits. Several

women have sued Cosby for branding them liars in lawsuits filed in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and California. Cosby has countersued some of them.

Agrusa, in a statement, said she did not want to try the cases in the media. She said Cosby "deserve(s) representation to ensure that justice does not yield to news cycles and soundbites."

"Trying Mr. Cosby in a court of public opinion—as imbalanced media coverage promotes—runs directly counter to our judicial system's most fundamental guarantees of fairness under the law," she said.



AP
In this July 7, 2016 file photo, Bill Cosby leaves a pretrial hearing in his criminal sex-assault case at Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa.

Miss America pageant host: Chris Harrison of 'The Bachelor'

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Chris Harrison of ABC's "The Bachelor" will be back to host this year's Miss America pageant in Atlantic City.

The Miss America Organization made the announce-

ment Monday.

It's the eighth time Harrison has handled the duties. He also serves as host of the syndicated version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

Harrison's co-host for the Sept. 11 event at Boardwalk

said. "There's so many people out there who are doing good and demonstrating leadership and having a positive impact on their communities."

Hall will be Sage Steele, host and commentator for ABC's and ESPN's "NBA Countdown" and several other ESPN shows. Steele also has co-hosted ABC's and ESPN's New Year's Rockin' Eve coverage and has been a featured

guest host on ABC's The View.

The pageant started in Atlantic City and returned in 2013 after eight years in Las Vegas.

Last year's winner was Miss Georgia Betty Cantrell.

Derek Jeter marries Sports Illustrated model Hannah Davis

ST. HELENA, Calif. (AP)—Derek Jeter has reportedly married his longtime girlfriend, Sports Illustrated swimsuit model Hannah Davis.

TMZ and the New York Post have published photos of the weekend ceremony at the Meadowood resort in California's Napa Valley.

The Post reports it was a small wedding with fewer than 100 guests. The newspaper says among them were

former Yankee teammates, Jorge Posada, Andruw Jones and Tino Martinez.

Jeter confirmed his engagement to Davis in a post on his Players' Tribune website in November.

AP
In this May 4, 2015, file photo, Derek Jeter, right, and Hannah Davis arrive at The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating "China: Through the Looking Glass" in New York.



Sex education should begin before kids start to experiment

DEAR ABBY: I know you provide a booklet to help teens with questions about sex. But when should I talk to my son or give him a copy? He will turn 9 soon. I know that is young, but kids today are exposed to so much so early.

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DEAR KRISTEN: You're absolutely right; they are. They also mature earlier than children of previous generations. That's why it is so important for parents—and guardians—to begin discussing subjects like alcohol, drugs, sex and family values well before their children start experimenting. So talk to your son now. Do not be shocked if he tells you he has already heard it all from contemporaries. If he has, ask him to tell you what he knows, because what he heard may be inaccurate, and it will give you a chance to correct any misinformation.

My booklet "What Every Teen Should Know" can help to start the conversation. It has been distributed in doctors' offices and by educators and religious leaders, as well as parents like you who may find it uncomfortable to discuss these topics with their children. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for

\$7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Before giving your son the booklet, first read it yourself. The more information you can provide, the better prepared your son will be to make informed choices in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I have observed (and experienced) that people won't tell you about a husband's or wife's infidelity while you and your spouse are together. However, they WILL reveal it after the divorce or death. What purpose does that serve?

If people don't want to get involved, then allow me to make a suggestion: Send an unsigned letter in the mail with no return address. There are also phone features that let a person place an anonymous call. Call the workplace of the cheated-on spouse if you don't have his or her cellphone number. However you can, give the person as much information as you know. If you do, maybe a marriage can be saved, or a spouse won't have to deal with an STD. Do you have an opinion, Abby?

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DEAR STRICTLY ANONYMOUS: People who feel

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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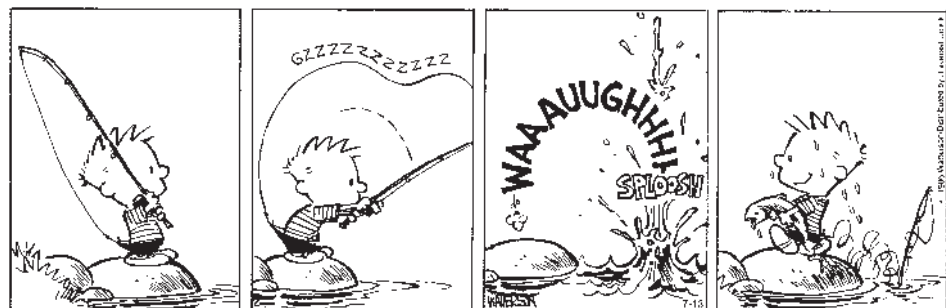
compelled to tell others something "for their own good" should closely examine their motives before doing it. Unsigned letters with no return address are usually sent by cranks trying to target someone they want to hurt, or to destroy a marriage. If someone takes it upon him- or herself to notify a spouse about a mate's cheating, that person should be honest enough to state who he/she is. If people can't do that, they should mind their own business.

While some wives—or husbands—may be ignorant about their spouse's infidelity, the truth is that many already do know something is wrong, but are not yet ready to deal with it.

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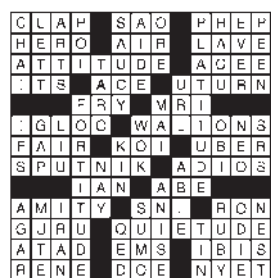


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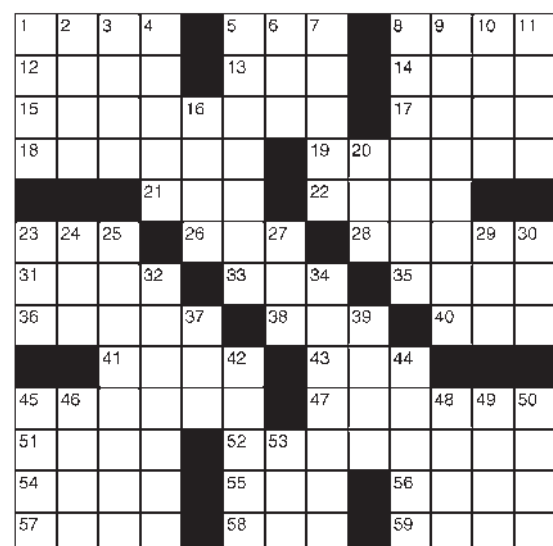
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Contracts, negotiations and setting up a budget for your next personal expense will work in your favor and give you the incentive to take care of business and get on with your life. Planning ahead will ease your stress. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look for an unusual way to solve a problem. An open mind and an honest response will ensure that no one takes advantage of you. A short trip to visit a friend or attend a reunion is favored. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let what others do or say bother you. Back away from anyone who tries to take advantage of your helpful nature. Bring about change if you feel it will add to your stability in the future. Self-improvement projects will pay off. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You excel when faced with competition. Stay focused on doing things differently and you will stand out. Self-expression coupled with

a passionate approach to your projects will help you gain respect and the chance to move into a better position. ★★★★★

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Interesting information or offers will come your way via mail, phone or someone whom you encounter throughout your day. Engage in a descriptive analysis of what you have to offer, and you will increase your chances of advancing. ★★★★★

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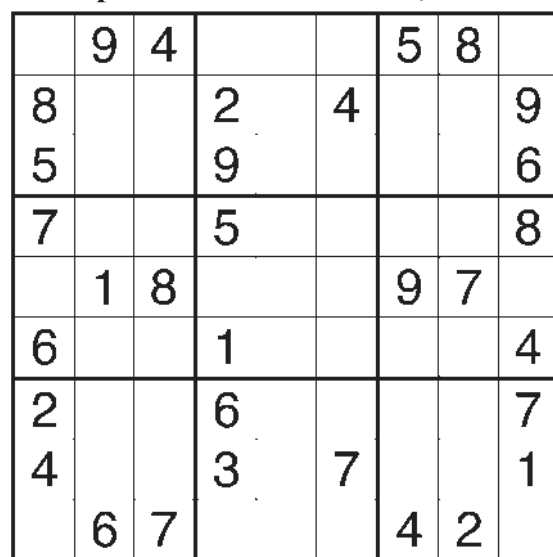
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take care of your responsibilities before turning to someone else's dilemmas. Strive for perfection and express your desires and you will find a way to bring about the lifestyle changes that will make you happy. ★★★★★

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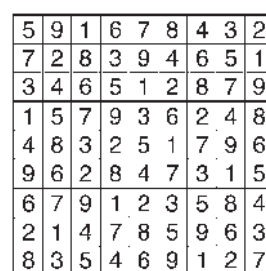
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Duncan retires after 19 seasons, 5 championships



SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Tim Duncan never wanted the spotlight, only the trophies. He never wanted the endorsements, only the camaraderie. He never wanted the accolades, only the collective achievement.

So when one of the most understated superstars in sports decided to finally call it a career after nearly two decades of excellence, he made the announcement with a 15-foot bank shot and not a boisterous slam dunk.

No big news conference. No victory lap. Not even a canned quote in the press release. Just a simple goodbye on Monday from the quiet anchor at the foundation of the San Antonio Spurs dynasty.

Just as he has for so much of his 19 seasons, the 40-year-old Duncan let others do the talking for him.

“Congrats to Tim Duncan. Probably a top 5 all time player and undoubtedly a top 5 all time teammate,” tweeted Warriors coach Steve Kerr, who played with Duncan in San Antonio. “Wow, what a career.”

Fifteen All-Star appearances, five championships, three NBA Finals MVPs, two NBA MVPs, one coach, one team. Forever.

The Spurs made the playoffs in all 19 of his seasons and won 71 percent of their regular season games with No. 21 in the middle.

“The best (power forward) ever!” Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge tweeted. “Thanks for the memories old man. A great player and teammate.”



Few would dare argue.

Duncan was the No. 1 overall pick in 1997 and teamed with coach Gregg Popovich, point guard Tony Parker and shooting guard Manu Ginobili to turn the Spurs from a solid franchise that could never quite get over the hump into the model for American sports.

“The constant staple of their franchise,” Cleveland’s LeBron James said earlier this year.

The unassuming Duncan was the only player to start and win a title in three different decades. Nicknamed “The Big Fundamental” for his clinical approach that favored

bank shots over dunks, he was a member of the All-NBA first team 10 times and is one of only three players - joining Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Robert Parrish - to win at least 1,000 games in his career. He is fifth on the NBA’s career list in blocks, sixth in rebounds and 14th in scoring.

He joined Larry Bird and Michael Jordan as the only players to be named college basketball’s player of the year, the NBA rookie of the year, and the MVP of the All-Star game and the NBA Finals.

“Even tho I knew it was coming, I’m still moved by the news,” Ginobili tweeted. “What a HUGE honor to have

played with him for 14 seasons! #ThankYouTD.”

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver called Duncan “one of the most dominant players in NBA history” and lauded him for an “understated selflessness (that) made him the ultimate teammate.”

“For two decades Tim represented the Spurs, the city of San Antonio and the league with passion and class,” Silver said. “All of us in the NBA family thank him for his profound impact on the game.”

The reluctant star was often overshadowed in the public eye by more outsized personalities like James and Kobe

Bryant, who also retired this year after 20 seasons, all with the Los Angeles Lakers. But he leaves this game as one of the league’s true giants, perhaps the best power forward to ever play and one who left as indelible a mark on his franchise as any player to come before him.

“This will always be Timmy’s franchise. Always,” Parker said during the 2013 NBA Finals. “Should do a statue for him outside the AT&T Center.”

The last time Duncan spoke to reporters was on May 12, when the Spurs had just been eliminated by the Thunder in Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals.

There were hints in that game of Duncan’s plans, even though he later exercised a contract option to clear the way for his return. He had always said that he would walk away when he felt he could no longer have a significant impact on the game, and for most of the series the younger Thunder big men had their way with him and the Spurs on the glass.

With the Spurs getting blown out and the fourth quarter set to begin, Popovich and his veteran star had a brief conversation on the bench. Duncan then played all 12 minutes of the fourth quarter without coming out for a rest, finishing with 19 points and soaking up every second he could in the last game he would ever play. And when the game was over, Duncan waved to the visiting crowd and pointed a finger toward the roof as he headed to the locker room.

“Timmy’s never been a very

In this June 15, 2014, file photo, San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan (21) celebrates after Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals in San Antonio. Duncan announced his retirement on Monday, July 11, 2016, after 19 seasons, five championships, two MVP awards and 15 All-Star appearances.

outspoken or emoting sort of individual on the court,” Popovich said earlier this year. “Everybody does it differently.”

And Duncan was truly one of a kind.

In 1997, after an injury to star David Robinson, the Spurs plunged in the standings and ended up with a chance at the No. 1 overall pick. They won the lottery, and it was a no-brainer to choose Duncan, the polished, two-way big man who had spent four years at Wake Forest.

The Spurs won 36 more games in Duncan’s rookie year than they had the previous season and were NBA champions in his sophomore campaign. They also won titles in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2014, the last one a dominant run to redemption over James and the Miami Heat after losing to them in seven games the previous season.

He was a 38-year-old All-Star in 2014-15 and even as his minutes were reduced to save the wear and tear on his body for the playoffs, he remained a force on the defensive end and on the glass.

He had 140 different teammates in his career and he handled taking the baton from Robinson in 1998 just as gracefully as he did passing it to Kawhi Leonard in 2014.

The Spurs added Pau Gasol and Dewayne Dedmon to beef up their front-court depth in anticipation of Duncan’s decision. But even though Duncan’s production has been in decline, they will never be able to replace the backbone of the organization.

“I think it goes way beyond the championships and the winning,” said Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer, a longtime Spurs assistant. “I think the culture that really, he’s kind of the pillar it’s been built around. It is almost impossible to quantify.”

And now he steps away, not stomping out the door like Bryant did with his 60-point finale, but tip-toeing away with no fanfare.

“The modesty with which he handles himself is so refreshing,” said Timberwolves GM Scott Layden, who spent the previous four years in the front office in San Antonio. “He’s a great example for everyone.”

Spieth skipping Olympics, latest star golfer to withdraw

TROON, Scotland (AP)—Golf waited 112 years to get back into the Olympics. The top four players in the world are waiting a bit longer.

Jordan Spieth delivered the final blow Monday when he told the International Golf Federation he would not be going to Rio next month, leaving the sport without its four highest-ranked players who have captured six of the last eight majors.

IGF President Peter Dawson said Spieth cited his concern over “health issues” for withdrawing.

All have indicated support for 2020 in Tokyo.

Jason Day, Dustin Johnson and Rory McIlroy previously withdrew, all citing the Zika virus. Day and Johnson have said they plan on having more children, while McIlroy is engaged and said he would soon be

starting a family.

Eighteen eligible men, based on Monday’s world ranking, withdrew from the Olympics.

The women only had one player withdraw, Lee Anne Pace of South Africa, due to Zika concerns.

The men will have eight of the top 15 in the world in Rio. The women will have the top nine in the world; Ha-Na Jang at No. 10 is not eligible because South Korea already reached its maximum of four players.

“There is no doubt that the number of withdrawals hasn’t shed golf in the best light, and we have to accept that,” Dawson said. “But we do understand why these individual decisions have been taken. Personally, I think there’s been something of an

overreaction to the Zika situation, but that’s for individuals to determine, and there’s certainly a great deal of concern about this issue inside the game of golf, no doubt about that.”

Spieth was playing a practice round at Royal Troon for the British Open when the IGF held its news conference to announce who qualified. Spieth was not expected to speak until Tuesday. When he finished his round, he went back toward the gallery to sign autographs, and then walked across the front of the 18th green to the other side toward the parking lot.

Golf pulled out all the stops to get back into the Olympics, presenting on video the support from some of the best players in the world at the time—Tiger Woods,



Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els, Lorena Ochoa, Suzann Pettersen—when it was voted onto the program in 2009.

Spieth was among the most enthusiastic until about a month ago when he joined others in expressing concern about Zika, security and other issues facing the Rio Games. He was said to be torn about playing until deciding Monday morning not to go.

Losing the top four could be a big setback for men’s golf and its bid to stay in the Olympics. It is assured of being part of the Tokyo Games in 2020, but the International Olympic Committee votes next year on whether golf and other events stay beyond that.

Dawson said he felt certain the IOC would consider all things Rio when it meets next year.

Stanton beats Frazier in All-Star Home Run Derby

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Giancarlo Stanton wore out Petco Park with a record display of power in the All-Star Home Run Derby on Monday night, peppering every landmark from the left field corner to center field.

Stanton hit 20 homers in the final round to best defending champion Todd Frazier of the Chicago White Sox.

Overall, the Miami Marlins slugger hit a record 61, shattering the single-night mark of 41 by Bobby Abreu in 2005.

Stanton's impressive shots hit the top level of the Western Metal Supply Co. Building in the left-field corner and the top of the batter's eye in center field. He sent several balls just below the giant scoreboard high atop the left-field stands and several over the bullpens in left-center.

"For sure being on the West Coast and taking the flight out here just for this, you know. I figure it's a waste if I don't bring this bad boy home," Stanton said, hoisting the trophy.

The three-time All-Star is not on the NL roster for Tuesday night's game after batting .233 with 20 homers and 50 RBIs before the break.

"I had a great time. I had a blast."

Literally.

His longest shot was estimated at 497 feet. He hit the eight longest homers of the competition and 20 of the 21 deepest drives.

"When I get a few in a row I would kind of bump it up 5 to 10 percent," he said. "But most the time I stuck



AP
National League's Giancarlo Stanton, of the Miami Marlins, hits during the MLB baseball All-Star Home Run Derby, Monday, July 11, 2016, in San Diego.

San Francisco's AT&T Park in 2007. Those were both targets for lefty hitters.

Stanton hit 24 homers in the first round to eliminate the Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano (seven) and 17 in the semifinals to knock out Mark Trumbo (14) of the Baltimore Orioles.

Frazier hit 13 in the first round to beat Carlos Gonzalez (12) of the Colorado Rockies, and 16 in the semifinals to eliminate Adam Duvall (15) of the Cincinnati Reds.

Trumbo, who leads the majors with 28 homers, had two of the most impressive shots of the night, off the scoreboard in left field and onto the top of the Western Metal Building in his semifinal matchup against Stanton.

Wil Myers of the San Diego Padres tried to become the second hometown player to win the Derby. With younger brother Beau - an infielder-outfielder at Appalachian State - pitching to him, Myers hit 10 homers in the first round and was eliminated by Duvall with 11.

Beau Myers even hit his brother with a pitch early in the four-minute period, and nearly nicked him another time.

at 80-90 percent. I knew I could do it endurance-wise. I was just hoping my swing didn't fall about."



Stanton can defend his title at home next year when the Marlins host the All-Star Game.

"That is where I got my childhood memories, watching the Home Run Derby as a kid," said Stanton, who's from

Los Angeles. "Maybe some kids are watching me. I would like to return that."

Stanton is baseball's highest-paid player with a \$325 million, 13-year deal. His new hitting coach is home run king

Barry Bonds.

Frazier, who's not on the AL All-Star team, hit 13 in the final round. He was a hometown winner last year while with the Cincinnati Reds. He was traded to the

White Sox in December.

The Western Metal Supply Co. Building served as one of the better Derby targets, joining the Warehouse at Baltimore's Camden Yards in 1993 and McCovey Cove outside

Sale, Cueto to start game in San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Chris Sale can admit it now: He was a little too in love with the strikeout.

He led the American League last year with 274. But all those long counts cost him.

"I wanted to pitch more innings, get deeper into the games," the Chicago White Sox ace said Monday after he was announced to open the All-Star Game for the American League.

"As a starting pitcher, that's really the name of the game, is getting as deep into the game while giving your team a chance to win at the same time," he said.

San Francisco's Johnny Cueto will start for the National League on Tuesday as the All-Stars return to San Diego for the first time since 1992.

A 27-year-old left-hander, Sale is 14-3 with a 3.38 ERA and leads the major leagues in wins. He has 123 strikeouts - third in the AL - and just 26 walks in 125 innings. Batters are hitting .225 against him.

"In the past, he was a little bit more of a power pitcher,"

the Chicago Cubs' Ben Zobrist said. "If he's hitting spots a little bit more, that might change our ability to drive the ball."

Cueto, a 30-year-old right-hander who left Kansas City to sign with the Giants last offseason, tops NL pitchers in victories. He is 13-1 with a 2.47 ERA, striking out 115 in 131 1/3 innings. He has won 10 consecutive decisions since an April 21 loss to Arizona.

His path to the starting nod became clearer when Clayton Kershaw and Noah Syndergaard got hurt, Stephen Strasburg pulled out of the game because of a recent disabled list stint and Madison Bumgarner was ruled out because he started Sunday.

"I was just happy to be participating in the game," Cueto said through a translator. "But I'm very happy."

Cueto impressed New York Mets manager Terry Collins with a two-hitter for Kansas City in Game 2 of last year's World Series, the first complete game by an AL pitcher in the Series since Jack Morris in 1991.

"That was the best outing I've ever seen him have," Collins said.

Jake Arrieta of the Cubs was on track to get the honor, going 11-1 with a 1.74 ERA through mid-June. But he lost three of his last four starts heading into the break.

"The last three outings, I haven't pitched very well," he said. "If I had took care of business, I probably would have been the starter or considered a little more highly."

AL manager Ned Yost's batting order has Houston second baseman Jose Altuve leading off, followed by Angels center fielder Mike Trout, Baltimore third baseman Manny Machado, Boston designated hitter David Ortiz, Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts, Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer, Red Sox right fielder Mookie Betts, Kansas City catcher Salvador Perez and Boston left fielder Jackie Bradley Jr.

Collins has Cubs second baseman Ben Zobrist leading off, followed by Washington right fielder Bryce Harper, Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant, San Diego's Wil My-

ers at designated hitter, San Francisco catcher Buster Posey, Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo, Miami center fielder Marcell Ozuna, Colorado left fielder Carlos Gonzalez and Cubs shortstop Addison Russell.

Ozuna and Gonzalez are replacements for the Cubs' Dexter Fowler and the Mets' Yoenis Cespedes, who are hurt.

Yost said Corey Kluber, Cole Hamels, Aaron Sanchez and Jose Quintana will follow Sale to the mound.

The AL will be the home team for the game at Petco Park because this is the second straight year of at least four in which the NL will host the All-Stars. The AL has a 10-3 advantage since the All-Star Game has determined home-field advantage in the World Series.

"It's vitally important," said Yost, whose Royals swept the first two games at Kauffman Stadium last year. "We've got a room full of tremendously talented players and if we win this game it's going to affect somebody or somebodies in that room."

Murray narrows gap to Djokovic in ATP rankings

LONDON (AP)—Andy Murray's Wimbledon title has allowed him to make a dent in the still-substantial gap in the ATP rankings between him and No. 1 Novak Djokovic, last year's champion at the All England Club.

Entering Wimbledon, Djokovic had nearly twice as many points as No. 2 Murray, 16,950 to 8,915. But after Djokovic's loss in the third round, and Murray's third Grand Slam trophy, the margin is 15,040 to 10,195 on Monday.

Murray earned a 6-4, 7-6(3), 7-6(2) victory over sixth-seeded Milos Raonic in front of his home crowd Sunday.

Murray is the first British man to win multiple Wimbledon championships since Fred Perry won three from 1934 to 1936.

Meanwhile, Serena Williams' seventh title at Wimble-

don and 22nd at a Grand Slam tournament keeps her at No. 1 in the WTA rankings, while runner-up Angelique Kerber jumps two spots to No. 2.

Williams' sister Venus moves up one spot to No. 7 after reaching her first major semifinal since 2010.

After coming up short in three consecutive majors, Serena tied Steffi Graf's 22 Grand Slam titles with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Angelique Kerber in Saturday's Wimbledon final.

"It makes the victory even sweeter to know how hard I worked for it," Williams said on the court after the match. "I don't know what else to say. I'm so excited."

Saturday's win was Serena's unprecedented ninth title over the age of 30. Her seventh title came 14 years after her first in 2002.



Dour games, joy for underdogs at Euro 2016

PARIS (AP)—The Portuguese party had just begun when a message briefly flickered on the Stade de France big screen: “Merci pour tout, Michel.”

It wasn't clear what the absent Michel Platini was being thanked for at the end of the European Championship on Sunday.

A public show of support before UEFA's banned president loses his title in September? An endorsement of the former France captain's vision to expand the tournament by eight teams?

Whatever the sentiment of the message, supporters booed. Loudly.

Few fans viewing the 51 games over the last month objectively will have been engrossed by the action.



The first 24-team continental showpiece required perseverance from fans to stick through many dreary games. Compensating for the tedium, though, was the enriching march of the minnows, something Platini could never have anticipated by adding eight teams.

Newcomers like Wales and Iceland didn't just make up the numbers. They had so-called heavyweights who went home early—from England to Spain—watching in awe at their progress.

Wales, whose only previous appearance on the international stage was the 1958 World Cup, made it all the way to the last four—the first British semifinalist in 20 years.

England's campaign ended



AP
Portugal's players celebrate after Eder scored during the Euro 2016 final soccer match between Portugal and France at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, north of Paris, Sunday, July 10, 2016.

victory in extra time reflected one of the early conclusions of UEFA's technical observers: possession is no longer king. Retaining the ball with masterful passing, as Spain showcased during their title triumphs in 2008 and 2012, can prove inadequate when thwarted by dogged opponents.

It meant teams could be less ambitious, sit back and hope to pounce on the break, especially when 16 teams knew they would advance from the group stage.

How will Euro 2016 be remembered? Not for tactical innovation, nor for a breakthrough star. Antoine Griezmann was already the star of Atletico Madrid before being named the player of the tournament with six goals.

Long after the dour group-stage is forgotten, the legacy will be the fans—the aggressive and the boisterous behavior.

Barit rules Friday night darts tourney

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Jeff “Joker” Barit was on target to rule the Saipan Electronic Darts Association-Bud Light Friday Night Tournament held last week at the 6JMS Sports Bar in Garapan.

He defeated Edsel Delfin in the finals to claim the \$70 pot. Barit regularly plays for Jokers bar in SEDA-organized team tournaments. He also used the competition to warm up for the upcoming Summer/Fall season of the SEDA league, which will open later this month.

It was Barit's second win over Delfin as he defeated his finals opponent in the third round of the one-day tournament, which followed a double-elimination format. Ray Cepeda, George Medina, and K.J. Villagomez were Barit's other victims in his undefeated run to the finals.

Delfin, on the other hand, downed Dan Repeki and Warlee Ellama before losing to Barit in their third-round



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jeff Barit, center, joins Edsel Delfin, left, and K.J. Villagomez for a photo at the conclusion of the SEDA-Bud Light Friday Night darts tournament at the 6JMS Sports Bar in Garapan.

match to be relegated to the losers bracket. He bounced back with wins over Roy Teryama, Lloyd Aldan, and Villagomez to take another shot at Barit. Delfin, however, failed to stop Barit's march to victory to settle for the \$40 runner-up purse. Villagomez came in third for \$20.

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Bermudes, Warlee Ellama, Joel Gruy, and Jun Santos were the other players who joined the one-day tournament.

Meanwhile, Ellama, who is also the SEDA league secretary, reminded team captains to start submitting their sign-up sheet and rosters if they are going to join the upcoming season.



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Saipan Southern High School standout slowed down a bit in the second, but Darag was there to finish what the former started to widen the gap and hand Hagai its fourth loss in as many matches.

Teemo Wang paced Hagai with his 17 markers.

In the second game, Andrew Palino and John Carlos Elchico towed Joel to the 27-point win against Nahum. Palino fired 30 points, while Elchico had 22 for Joel, which

set up the easy victory after building a 10-point advantage at the break, 45-35.

Palino and Elchico alternately hit baskets in streaks for Joel to put their team on top of the leaderboard along with Jonah and Ezra.

Meanwhile, the second round of matches started last night with Ezra facing Nahum in the first game and Joel and Jonah colliding in the second. Results of yesterday's matches were unavailable at press time.

First Game

Jonah 87—Cruz 35, Da-

rag 18, Ponce 13, Cabrera 8, Gozon 4, Marcellana 4.

Hagai 52 — Wang 17, Cheng 11, Alonzo 9, Gonzales 6, Del Carmen 4, Batallones 4.

Scoring by halves: 36-21, 87-52.

Second Game

Joel 94 — Palino 30, Elchico 22, Ocaya 10, Cruz 9, Ibanez 8, Ocanada 6, De Leon 3.

Nahum 67 — Cai 19, Chen 17, Sacdalan 12, Tu 9, Wang 6, Bacani 4.

Scoring by halves: 45-35, 94-67.

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bounce back from its opening loss as it faced the tough defense of Australia. The Aussies forced the Commonwealth players to 1-2-3 innings five times and the latter went to as far as third base only once. Leadoff batter Ace Evangelista made it to third at the bottom of the sixth after a walk, Australia's passed ball, and an error, but was left stranded along with Jay Kalen at first as Dre Skerei and Tindin Leon Guerrero went down on a strikeout and a fly out,

respectively, and Larson Sebatang followed suit off a 6-3 putout play.

While the CNMI was shut down for the sixth straight inning, Australia came out strong at the top of the sixth after going without a run in the fourth and fifth. The Aussies had five runs, adding to the two apiece they got in the first and third inning. The division leader went on to finish strong, making seven more runs at the top of the last inning, while forcing the CNMI to another 1-2-3 inning at the bottom.

Jayson Arthur was the winning pitcher, working the

mound in 5.3 innings and giving up only two hits. He had six strikeouts and committed only one error.

On offense, Tim Lane and Jordan Barnett both went 2-for-4 at the plate, scored two RBIs, and combined for three runs. Jack Boyd and Jai Lyttleton also tallied two RBIs each with the former going 2-for-5 and the latter hitting 1-for-5. John Paul Caliu made only one RBI, but was 3-for-4 at bat and scored four runs.

The CNMI went 2 for-22 at the plate with the two hits coming from Kalen and Shakobe Rangar's singles.

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a lot of my tennis skills. I am getting physically and mentally stronger,” the Saipan Community School graduate said.

Under the ITF/OTF scholarship, Lee and company participated in a series of ITF Juniors ranking tournaments in Fiji and New Caledonia. The 14-year-old Lee went on to make it to the finals of two singles and one doubles events of the three ranking competitions.

“Carol is a product of the existing Pacific Player development pathway, the support of her national federation, her own hard work, and her father's passion for her to do well. With the opportunities that have been offered to her

though the ITF Grand Slam Development Fund, she has been steadily improving week by week, month by month,” OTF stated.

With her notable performances in Fiji and New Caledonia, Lee hiked her world ranking from No. 748 in 2015 to No. 443 (last July 4, 2016). As of July 11, the CNMI player is ranked No. 455 as she has yet to join another tournament after completing the Oceania Open Junior Championships in Fiji early this month. Her next ranking tournament will not come until August when she plays in the Oceania Closed Junior Championships in Lautoka from Aug. 8 to 12.

Oceania Closed is graded as a B2 tournament and offers more ranking points (120 to the singles champion and 80, 60,

40, 25, and 10 to the runner-up, semifinalists, quarterfinalists and losers in the Round of 16 and 32, respectively). Last year, Lee joined the same tournament and got 25 ranking points for winning her first match against Australia's Monique Belovuvic, 6-0, 6-2. Going into next month's tournament, Lee has 105 ranking points in singles, 40 in doubles, and combined 115 points.

Meanwhile, Lee, Heras, and Tan and the rest of the Pacific Oceania players who received training scholarships this year met with Amrit Rai of Platform Sports Management in Fiji. Rai's firm assists players wishing to play in colleges and universities in the U.S. He urged Pacific players to study hard now to get the grades required by U.S. colleges.

EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2017 Round 1

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The CNMI's Michah Griffin, center, tries to break free from the hold of a Mongolia defender during their game in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2017 Round 1 early this month at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.



CNMI and Mongolia players and the game officials prepare to head out to the pitch.



CNMI captain Nick Swaim, left, and his counterpart from Mongolia look on as the referee tosses a coin before starting the match.



Evan Belcher, left, beats a Mongolia player to the ball.



James Ermitanio, right, steals the possession from a Mongolia player.



Jehn Joyner, second left, passes the ball to Michah Griffin, third left.



Goalie Chris Aninzo goes for a save.



Trey Dunn, right, gets tangled with a Mongolia player.



Enrico Del Rosario sprints to chase the ball.



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Lee aims for Aussie Open Juniors stint

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After climbing up the world rankings, the CNMI's Carol Lee and her supporters continue to aim high as she sets her sights for the Australian Open Juniors.

Oceania Tennis Federation, in a message posted on its official Facebook page, stated that Lee aspires to play in the junior division of the first Grand Slam event under the International Ten-



nis Federation's calendar every year and they will work hard to see if that goal can be reached.

"I'm surprise and happy that I might play in the Aussie Open Juniors. I need

to keep working harder and develop my game more. I am expecting that a lot of good players will be there in Australia so I am excited to play," the Commonwealth top U18 player said.

Lee is currently in Fiji, undergoing a four-month long training at the OTF facility after she and fellow CNMI players Tania Tan and Carol Lee received the ITF/OTF Pacific Training Centre-Summer Scholarship.

"The training is benefiting me a lot and I feel like I'm getting fitter now and improving

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Carol Lee is still in Fiji, waiting for another ITF Juniors ranking tournament and training hard to prepare for a possible stint in the Australian Open Juniors.

3-way tie for lead in Gen Cup youth



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Joel's Andrew Palino goes up for a fastbreak shot during an earlier game against Jonah in the youth division of the Gen Cup. He scored 30 points in Joel's 94-67 rout of Nahum last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

for 35 points. Sam Darag and Chino Ponce provided enough support, adding 18 and 13, respectively.

Cruz's guns were blazing in the first half, as he knocked in 22 points, including 11 of Jonah's last 13 markers in that period to give his team a double-digit lead, 36-21. The

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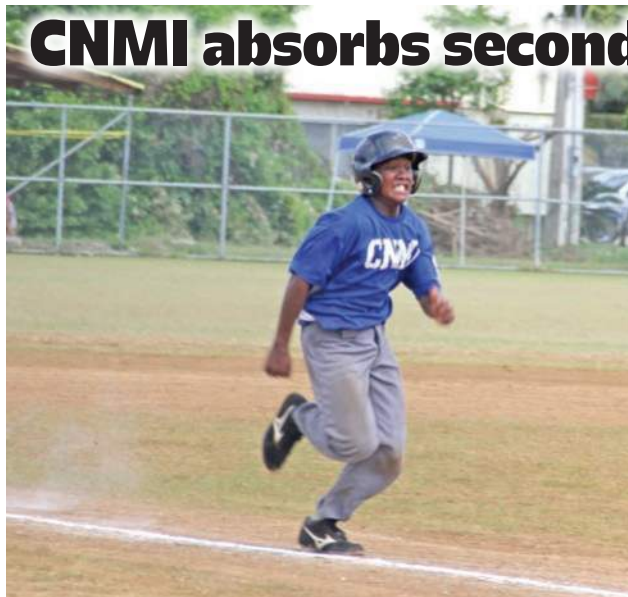
The first round of the youth division competition in the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League concluded last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium with three teams ending up in a standoff for the lead.

Jonah and Joel, which

whipped Haggai, 87-52, and Nahum, 94-67, respectively, in the last pair of matches in the first of the two-round robin regular season, improved to a 3-1 record to tie Ezra for the top spot in the five-team field. Nahum finished the first round with a 1-3 record, while Hagai was winless in four matches.

Jethro Cruz lifted Jonah to its third straight win after losing its debut (versus Joel) as the lefty shooter exploded

CNMI absorbs second straight loss in ASPAC



JON PEREZ
The CNMI's Virgil Secharmidal is seen here running toward home plate in their game against Guam in the 2015 Asia Pacific Regional Baseball Tournament at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. Secharmidal and the CNMI Senior All-Stars dropped to a 0-2 record in the 2016 ASPAC after losing to Australia yesterday, 0-16, at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

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The CNMI Senior All-Stars are on the verge of missing a return trip to the World Series as they dropped another game in the 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament yesterday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

Australia handed the defending champions a 16-0 beating in the second game in the Senior League division, giving the former the early lead in the five-team tournament with its 2-0 record. The Land Down Under bets also routed the Philippines, 21-4, in their opening

match last Monday, while the CNMI fell to Guam, 7-12, in the first game in the World Series qualifier.

With its back-to-back losses, the CNMI must prevail in its duel against the Philippines today and versus Indonesia on Friday and hope that both Guam and Australia dropped their remaining matches to stay in contention.

Only the Top 2 teams after the round-robin elimination will battle for the ASPAC championship and the World Series at stake in the regional competition.

The CNMI failed to

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